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Dynamic Airways thrilled to be newest signatory airline

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Dynamic Airways brought in about 60 passengers in its maiden flight from Incheon, South Korea yesterday and is already optimistic about its venture to the Asia-Pacific market.

"It's a thrill for us to do it. It's our first flight from Korea and hopefully we'll have a lot more," said Dynamic Airways ground station manager Paul Sottosanti, who was present to greet the passengers yesterday at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

Dynamic Airways is based in Greensboro, North Carolina, and is primarily a charter airline.

"We're a charter company and we go where the charters are and we decided to venture out to the Asian market," he said. "We got a call and we want to do it and we became partners with somebody. We deal with different agencies that do bookings from anywhere in Asia to the United States."

Sottosanti said that serving the Incheon-Saipan route is just the beginning as the carrier plans to expand its operations in the region.

"We're looking all over. We're looking maybe Palau or China. We're venturing out and talking to some people in Japan and China.

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MARK RABAGO

Dynamic Airways inaugural flight from Incheon, Korea taxis on the runway of the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport yesterday afternoon. At right, Korean tourists deplaning from the inaugural flight of Dynamic Airways are greeted by Marianas Visitors Authority staff with shell leis.

NMC resolves USDOE issue

» NMC's 4-year program under ACCJC OK'd

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Students enrolled in the Northern Marianas College's School of Education need no longer worry about their eligibility for federal financial aid such as Pell grants.

On Tuesday, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges vice president Susan B. Clifford notified NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart that the commission has approved NMC's proposal to include the School of Education's four-year baccalaureate program under the commission's accreditation purview.

"The Committee on Substantive Change at their meeting on Oct. 24, 2013, acted to approve the NMC proposal," Clifford's Oct. 25 letter reads.

Hart said this positive response to NMC's request lifts the air of uncertainty that surrounded the college's School of Education after the U.S. Department of Education came out with a ruling in July that the college was in violation of its policy for having two accrediting bodies.

"There was a major issue that was raised due to the fact that NMC holds dual accreditations with both the junior and senior commission of the Western

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The high cost of an error

» At least $236K spent on Marpi power poles
» Poles to be taken down starting today
» Not all is wasted as CUC will use them

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The CNMI government spent at least $236,000 in federal funds for the purchase, installation, and wiring of over 40 power poles for the $2.9-million Marpi public cemetery, only for those power poles to be taken down starting today as part of a partial settlement agreement in the Friends of Marpi's 2011 lawsuit.

Making matters worse is that some of the copper wires installed were stolen when the project was halted two years ago. The rest of the materials bought and shipped as part of the project have been sitting since then in a government warehouse.

Meanwhile, more than two years since its completion, the Marpi public cemetery has not been used because of a lack of power supply, lack of regulations, agencies' finger-pointing on who should be responsible for its operations

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Local

‘Changing the world 1 hydroponic garden at a time’

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At 76, Frank C. Castro still works at his 8-acre farm in Kagman and still has big dreams for the islands’ agriculture industry.

His latest project is a state-of-the-art hydroponic greenhouse that will not only produce pesticide-free fruits and vegetables but will also be an educational facility for farmers, students, and other community members.

“It’s my love of farming. I want to do something that would really help the community,” he told *Saipan Tribune.*

Top CNMI officials helped Castro yesterday with the official groundbreaking of the project that he says will revolutionize agriculture in the CNMI.

In a few weeks, the community would see a 30x128-ft. Quonset greenhouse with 3,840-plant space at the Kagman commercial farming lot.

“Hydroponics is basically gardening without using soil, fertilizer, pesticide or other chemicals so the harvest is healthier. It uses lesser amount of water so it is good for conservation. The fruits and vegetables grow faster by 25 to 200 percent than normal gardening,” Castro said at the groundbreaking.

Castro, owner of Castro’s Fruit & Vegetable Farms, has been farming since he was a little boy, when he would tag along with his father in the farm.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), during the groundbreaking, spoke of Castro’s drive, endurance and vision.

“I recognize Frank’s drive and continuing desire to do things. Many in the community his age sit back home, but not Frank… I hope others will emulate what he’s doing,” he told the crowd.

Besides the delegate, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios, Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan, Division of Environmental Quality director Frank Rabauliman, former presiding judge Edward Manibusan, businessman Juan “Pan” Guerrero and other dignitaries were also at the groundbreaking.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) lead other government officials and businessmen in yesterday morning’s groundbreaking in Kagman for a hydroponic greenhouse owned by 76-year-old Frank C. Castro, left.

Hofschneider said the administration congratulates and appreciates the Castro family “for venturing into a revolutionary form of growing crops in the CNMI.”

“What we hope to see in the near future are the products from this hydroponics garden on our store shelves so that people can have easy access to much healthier fruits and vegetables. I also encourage others to see the benefits of a garden like this,” the lieutenant governor added.

Castro’s Fruits & Vegetable Farms has evolved from using traditional farming methods to a state-of-the-art hydroponics gardening using an iGrow 1400 controller.

By early next year, Castro’s farm will be able to harvest organic tomatoes and cucumbers, among other things.

“Our vision is to be able to provide the public with pesticide-free, organic vegetables, provide education to our children, and also help our environment by means of conservation of water usage, and eliminating future contaminants in our soil,” the Castro family said.

Castro is married to Julie and they have four children: Jessica, Frances, Vicky, and Jovie.

“It’s my father’s longtime dream to have this kind of garden,” Jessica Castro said. “What my dad envisions is to have schools and other community members visit the facility and learn more about hydroponics and the value of eating organic fruits and vegetables and at the same time helping the environment.”

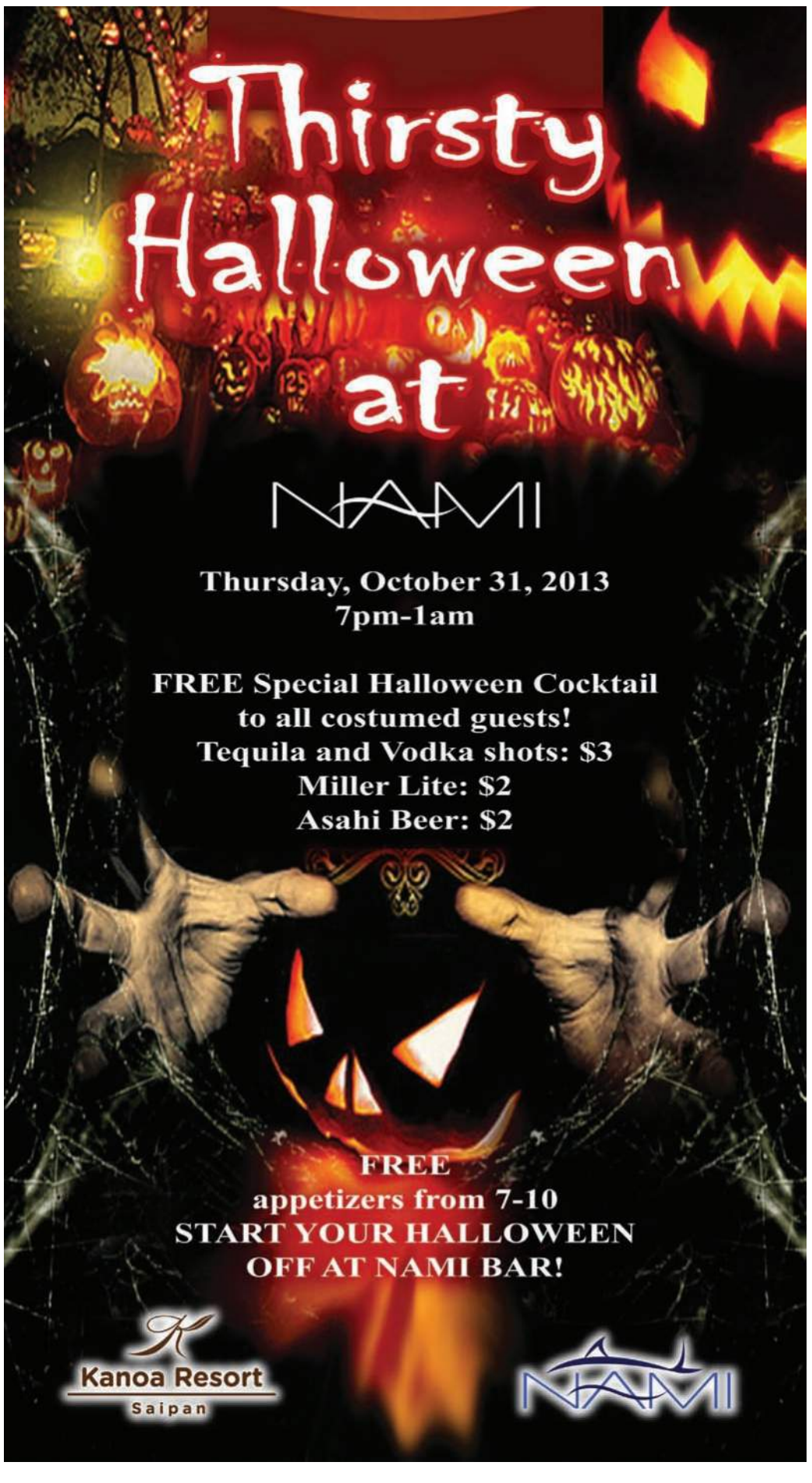
Dela Cruz seeks audience with Guam governor

Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz has written to Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, requesting a meeting to discuss interisland commuter airline services between Tinian and Guam. The two met earlier on Saipan with Gov. Eloy Inos to discuss the same subject.

Dela Cruz believes it is possible to reestablish the old direct flights from Guam to the CNMI and back through commuter terminals as what happened before TSA.

“We have determined that smaller aircraft can fly between Tinian to Guam without TSA clearance,” wrote the mayor. “If such flights could utilize the Guam Commuter Terminal, the cost of a ticket could be greatly reduced and the convenience to customers greatly increased. The resulting ease of travel and lowered cost to the consumer could provide significant opportunities for both the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Guam Visitors Bureau to promote interisland services between our islands.”

Dela Cruz will be in Guam beginning Nov. 7 to participate in the Association of Mariana Islands Mayors Conference, then to attend the Joint Sessions of the NMI and Guam Legislatures. In both meetings, he will be campaigning for affordable interisland transportation. ***(PR)***



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Church readies for All Saints Day, All Souls Day on Friday

»Schools and organizations to volunteer

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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All Souls Day on Saturday, Nov. 2, will be celebrated this Friday together with All Saints Day, according to Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

He said the two church events will be joined in one day because "as Catholics our main goal is to live a good life and become saints."

Jimenez

All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrations at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery will commence with a rosary for the dead at 4pm, and then continue with an evening prayer for the dead at 4:30pm. The liturgical event will end with a two-hour Mass at 6pm.

In support of the Catholic community and in honor of all saints and souls, organizations will be volunteering their time on Friday to help the church prepare for Friday's religious ceremonies.

Mount Carmel School seniors, CCD students, and members of the El Shaddai church group will be volunteering on Friday.

Jimenez shared that Mount Carmel School senior class students will be conducting the two collections on Friday evening and will be in their school uniforms.

"The funds that are going to be collected will go toward maintaining the cemetery as well as other needs of the church," Jimenez said. "I would like to thank all of the volunteers and I think that this particular experience will give the students the opportunity to be a part of this ministry of the church."

MCS senior class adviser Luz Baldazo said that students are excited to be a part of the commemoration of the departed and support the church and community.

"This is our first time to join the All Saints and All Souls Day celebration and as a Catholic school I think it is fitting to not only serve the church and community but [to also] help with funds for the maintenance of the cemetery."

Hundreds are expected to converge on the Chalan Kanoa cemetery this Friday to honor their departed loved ones.

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Marines, gear start arriving on Tinian for Forager Fury II

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A ship carrying the equipment for U.S. Marines' operations related to Exercise Forager Fury II is expected to arrive on Tinian tomorrow, followed by the arrival of a C-130 with some 30 Marines on Saturday to begin uploading the ship, Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz's chief of staff and CNMI historian Don Farrell said yesterday.

A total of at least 358 Marines are expected to be in the CNMI for the November to December exercise, a follow-up to a successful exercise last year.

"As of yesterday, all local regulatory agencies, particularly the Commonwealth Ports Authority, were reviewing the [21-page] scope of work for compliance," Farrell said.

The exercise validates the capabilities of the U.S. Marine Aircraft Group 12 or MAG 12 out of Iwakuni, Japan.

The integrated exercises includes fixed wing, rotary wing, and tiltrotor flight operations from Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, forward refueling operations at Tinian West Field, expeditionary airfield operations at Tinian North Field, and tactical ordnance employment on Farallon De Medinilla or FDM.

Forager Fury II also includes minimal activities on Pagan. The "mission" to "recover downed aircrew" on Pagan will be on Dec. 13.

To take advantage of this opportunity, MAG-12 will take a small volunteer medical and dental capability along with the "downed aircrew" to assess the health of the local inhabitants of Pagan and treat them as necessary.

Proposed training on Tinian West Field includes emplacement of arresting gear and fuel storage/distribution for purposes of extending aviation training throughout the Mariana Islands Range Complex.

On Tinian's North Field, the proposed training includes clearing, grubbing, stripping and repairing runways, and the installation of AM-2 matting for rotary- and fixed-wing operations.

MAG-12 will establish a cantonment site with capacity for up to 300 Marines.

Training on FDM includes tactical ordnance employment, air delivery, JTAC training, and reconnaissance training.

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Association Schools and Colleges," Hart said. "We were at a potential of losing all our Title IV funding going to all of our students enrolled in our baccalaureate degree program."

She said USDOE contacted NMC in August and told them "we will give you 18 months to come under one accrediting commission."

It turned out NMC needed less than three months to fix the problem.

"Quite often the substantive change could take up to a year to just develop. We did all of this in just a six-week period," she said. "What needed 18 months to do, we turned around and we have literally done all of that in over two-and-a-half months. I really want to congratulate our School of Education, faculty, and especially our students for hanging with us."

The report was due for submission to the junior commission by Sept. 30. Last week, the college was visited by two teams representing the ACCJC.

Hart said one team was on-island for the show-cause visit and to look at NMC's show-cause report; the other team was focused on the college's request to place NMC's baccalaureate degree program under ACCJC.

The next step now, Hart said, is for USDOE to approve ACCJC's request for them to also be able to accredit four-year programs within community colleges.

NMC Board of Regents chair Juan T. Lizama congratulated NMC—its leadership and students—for hurdling the problem with its dual accreditation.

School of Education director Charlotte Cepeda was also delighted with the good news. "This is wonderful news for the School of Education. We do have very dedicated students who have amazing goals and are willing to provide services to the community," Cepeda said. "This will allow for financial aid and for them to get the assistance they need to reach those goals."

Students Gina Mareham and Esco Hocog were appreciative of NMC's efforts that will allow them to continue getting federal financial aid.

"It's very exciting and a great load off our shoulders. We can now move forward and we're no longer in limbo. We can really work hard and go out to the community and give our services," said Mareham, who is in her third year and taking up rehabilitative human services.

Hocog, who is enrolled in the elementary education program, echoed Mareham.

"Everyone at the School of Educaiton will be very happy. This thing came out of nowhere but we're so happy we will continue to get federal financial aid and now until like forever," she said.

Both Mareham and Hocog said they will work on-island after graduation.

MARK RABAGO
Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart, right, and NMC Board of Regents chair Juan T. Lizama speak to the media during yesterday's press conference.

DYNAMIC

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We're all over the place."

According to Sottosanti, Dynamic Airways has four Boeing 767-200s, which normally have a passenger capacity of as much as 250. However, the plane that was used in the inaugural flight tops off at 218 passengers.

Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman couldn't hide his excitement with the entry of Dynamic Airways as the third signatory airline of the islands, after Delta and Asiana airlines.

"I know they are so far doing twice-weekly regularly scheduled flights and they are a regularly scheduled airline that is U.S. based and they are planning on basing their airplanes here. This is not something that is in Korea that will be flying back and forth to the CNMI. Instead, this is somebody who is basing their airplanes right here and they will be flying to Incheon and flying back here."

He said the entry of Dynamic Airways will only maximize the potential of the CNMI tourism industry, especially its Korean market.

"Anytime you increase flight arrival potential, you increase the people who are coming in. It's an old movie line 'If you build it they will come.' If we provide seats, people will find themselves wanting to get on that airplane and fill those seats. Obviously it takes promotion and getting the word out. Additional flights mean additional customers here in the CNMI and additional visitors who have a chance to come here and enjoy themselves."

He was not dissuaded by the 60 or so passengers in the inaugural flight. "This is just the first time and it's like a trial balloon and they only have around 60 pax onboard."

Arrivals from Korea soared 23 percent in September to 10,848 visitors, more than any other source market. Overall, arrivals from Korea were up 6 percent to 135,458 in fiscal year 2013 compared to the previous fiscal year.

Those figures don't surprise Bateman.

"Korean visitors have been going up for a number of years. Tourism always has cycles. There's up and down and there's back and there's forth. But through all of that, Korean arrivals have grown slowly but steadily and that's a good pattern that they have."

He said what lures Korean tourists to the Commonwealth is a combination of factors.

"This time of year it's already snowing up there in some places. So weather is one of them. A second major factor is that when a Korean tourist gets on an airplane, three hours or some later they're standing here. So proximity is another reason. A third reason is we spend an awful lot of time and energy and a great deal of money focusing on potential Korean travelers' minds that the fact we exist out here and the fact that they can jump into that airplane and three or so hours later be standing here, laying on a hammock a short time thereafter in between two palm trees, which beats snow boots."

The MVA official is also upbeat about the continued growth of the CNMI's other tourism markets.

"Chinese [tourists] are increasing exponentially and, if there are enough rooms, that market would just achieve a capacity that is more than we already have. The Japanese market is holding about steady and the Russian market has doubled during the past year. We need rooms and this is an ideal opportunity for developers or those who already own hotels to come in. It is also a good opportunity for new developers to come online."

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and maintenance, and funding.

Of 43 power poles needed, 41 were actually installed prior to the court's order to halt the installations in April 2011.

"The total cost of installing the power poles and wiring to the Marpi Public Cemetery was $236,000. These costs were part of the total project which was funded by a grant received from the Office of Insular Affairs," the governor's special assistant for management and budget, Virginia Villagomez, said yesterday in response to *Saipan Tribune*'s questions.

Villagomez said the removal of the poles and wire will be an additional cost, which has yet to be determined.

'Putting them to good use'

Saipan Tribune later learned that the power poles will be turned over to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. at no cost to CUC.

"We will put them to good use. They will be used in CUC's systems maintenance program," CUC Power Division manager Gary Camacho confirmed with *Saipan Tribune*.

CUC needs to replace power poles from time to time as part of its maintenance program.

Instead of the central government paying another contractor to take down the 41 power poles, CUC will be the one uprooting them starting today.

Camacho said taking down all the 41 power poles would take days.

While CUC is receiving the power poles, it wants the public to know it has nothing to do with the events leading to the removal of the power poles.

"At this point, I want to clarify that CUC is not taking sides on the issue and we have no opinion about the lawsuit or the settlement. CUC does not have anything to do with the reasons or events leading to the removal of the power poles. CUC, as a utility company, is just the recipient of the materials deemed not to be used in the area," Camacho said.

Maeda contract

The CNMI central government, through the Capital Improvement Project Office, hired a contractor, Maeda Pacific, for the Marpi power poles' installation and wiring.

"Our contract was $236,000 and it includes everything—we bought and shipped the power poles, installation, and wiring. We were not able to install everything because of a court order but we were paid the full amount of the contract," Maeda project engineer Randy Jacob said yesterday in a phone interview.

Of the 43 power poles needed for the Marpi project, 40 of them are 45-foot tall line poles. Three others are called stud poles, at 35 ft. long each.

Each power pole costs some $1,500, it was learned.

'Partial cost'

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), for his part, said the $236,000 is "just a portion of the total cost" to the government for the power poles, "only for them to be taken down."

"This is the partial cost to the government for not following its own rules and laws. We are still not talking about the hours spent for this to be defended in court," Deleon Guerrero said, referring to Friends of Marpi's allegations against the government.

He hopes that the government has learned its lessons when it comes to projects like the Marpi power poles, to conduct public hearings, and secure necessary permits, among other things, so that it can avoid lawsuits from the community.

Friends of Marpi claimed that the power poles were installed without a public hearing, without major siting permit, and without considering preserving the historic, scenic, and cultural value of the site.

The government, through the Office of the Attorney General, said in 2011 that the Coastal Resources Management, among others, held a public hearing about the cemetery project in 2004 so there was no legal basis to halt the project. It was not clear whether the 2004 public hearing ever discussed the power poles.

In 2011, the government said that stopping the installation of the power poles will cost the CNMI a lot of money as there is already a contract.

Deleon Guerrero, however, expressed relief that at least the power poles will not at all be wasted as they will be turned over to CUC "so that they can use them to replace old ones they are using."

"I just hope that CUC would at least offset some power rates in exchange for saving money buying over 40 power poles," said Deleon Guerrero, chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication.

Deleon Guerrero raised the question of how much the CNMI government spent to buy, install, and wire the Marpi power poles, along with associated costs, during the House PUTC's meeting with Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios, CIP Office's Carl Castro, and assistant attorney general Charles Brasington on Tuesday.

Last week, Friends of Marpi and the government, through the Office of the Attorney General, reached a partial settlement in relation to the latter's lawsuit over the installation of the power poles.

Friends of Marpi counsel David G. Banes said their lawsuit alleged that the CNMI government breached its legal duty in three ways: failing to legally install the power poles, failing to properly fund and staff the Historical Preservation Office, and failing to have a legally required land use plan.

"Removing the poles solves the first issue but not the other two. So those two other issues will remain," Banes earlier said.

Random checks of sales receipts now a CNMI law

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Random inspections of sales receipts are now required in the CNMI under a law that Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed yesterday, adding enforcement "teeth" to the 11-year-old Sales Receipt Act of 2002.

Public Law 18-27 requires the Department of Finance's Division of Revenue and Taxation to make periodic and random inspections of sales receipts "during any normal business hours" to ensure compliance.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), author of the bill that became PL 18-27, said he is thankful to his colleagues for passing the bill and the governor for signing it.

Yumul

"This will add more teeth to enforcement efforts in light of Finance's concerns," Yumul told Saipan Tribune.

Any person not provided with a sales receipt may report the incident to Finance's Revenue and Taxation, the new law states.

Any business reported as not providing a sales receipt will be investigated and monitored by Revenue and Taxation.

"Monitoring of the business establishment may include but not limited to placing a temporary monitoring device for purposes of determining an accurate daily sales," the law adds.

Finance is also required to train and certify employees of the Department of Commerce to assist in enforcing the new law.

Rota dog control

The governor also signed yesterday Rep. Teresita Santos' (R-Rota) House Local Bill 18-23, Draft 1, into Rota Local Law 18-7, making dog owners on Rota liable for injuries caused by their dogs and providing penalties for unregistered dogs on the island.

The new local law also transfers the duties and responsibilities of dog control from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources-Rota to the Rota Municipal Council.

The licensing fee per dog per year is $5.

DPS installs high-tech surveillance cameras

» One camera to be assigned at evidence unit

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The Department of Public Safety has installed high-technology surveillance cameras at its main facilities in Susupe as part of DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero's security enhancement program.

As of yesterday, two surveillance cameras were already in place and 14 more will be installed once all ongoing renovations are completed.

G4S Security Services donated the cameras.

The camera itself is a digital video recording that allows the police to remotely view it from a cell phone if they have Internet connection, according to G4S Marianas country manager Chris Garde.

"It also has the capability for 90 days recording as well as zooming capability," Garde told *Saipan Tribune*.

If there is any problem or complaint, DPS will have records of what is happening both inside and outside the facilities, Garde said.

He said they're installing eight of the 16 cameras first because DPS has been renovating the buildings.

DPS Commissioner Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that with the recent problem concerning the evidence facility, he would like to assign some of those cameras at the evidence unit.

With the camera, Deleon Guerrero said, they can see who is entering the facility and at what time.

"Those are the things that we're currently reviewing and I will be implementing as part of the enhanced security measures at the evidence facility," he said.

As for the ongoing renovations, the DPS chief said that some of the DPS buildings were built in the 1950's and its main two-story building was built in early 1990's.

"What I'm trying to do is to modify as much as I can so it addresses the security issues," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said there is going to be an entry point at the front of the main building and a fence will be built around the Susupe compound.

"There's going to be areas where employees will be the only ones that will be able to access and there's going to be areas [that] the public can access," he disclosed.

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RB Camacho says he will run for Saipan mayor

Ramon B. Camacho, chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, says he will run for Saipan mayor in next year's general elections.

He is expected to officially announce his candidacy during a fundraising event at 5:30pm today at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe.

"I pledge to be a mayor who will be hands-on and will give personalized attention to village issues and village concerns and embrace village solutions. I believe it takes the entire village to move our community forward to progress and prosperity for all."

Camacho said he wants to expand his projects at the municipal council. Some of the community based efforts the 55-year-old is known for are the Adopt-a-Place and Neighborhood Watch programs.

He said he wants to empower the community to solve the ills of the islands, which include neglected inner villages, rise in crime, and the general peace and order situation.

A former police officer with over 20 years of service in the force, Camacho said he is not after the position but the chance to use the office to help improve Saipan and its residents.

Camacho is also chairman of the CNMI Board Of Parole. He and his fellow council members in the 10th and 11th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council were the prime movers for the restoration and development of the Chalan Kanoa Memorial Leadership Kiosku.

He has also been a coordinator of the Agricultural Fair, advocate of farmers cooperative, and a coordinator and advocate of beautification, community revitalization, and cultural and public safety activities in the CNMI.

Camacho

Camacho is married to Delia Camacho and they have four children: Dexter, Ray Anthony, Felix, and Jonathan.

This early, he expects as many as six candidates to vie for the mayoralty post in the November 2014 elections.

Donald Flores is the incumbent mayor of Saipan.

Camacho recently asked the Office of Attorney General to look into Flores' practice of assigning an officer-in-charge whenever he goes off-island.

Camacho argued that under Saipan Local Law 17-8, the municipal council chair should serve as acting mayor in Flores' stead. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Budweiser concludes 40 Days Giveaways promo

MARPAC Inc. concluded its Budweiser 40 Days Giveaways last Saturday at the Poseidon Bar in Garapan.

The event coincided with the company's Halloween Bash, which saw Latte Vibes and Afetnas Regime entertaining the jam-packed crowd.

The $4,000 grand prize for the Budweiser 40 Days Giveaways went to Frank M. Reyes, while the roundtrip to Manila was won by Phyllisina L. Reyes. Third place prize went to Elbert Pinaula, who will get a roundtrip ticket to Guam plus $200 in pocket money.

Other consolation prize winners that evening were Thomasa Santos (Budweiser canopy) and Danny Banez (Budweiser cooler with two cases of beer).

In the best Halloween costume competition, Jacob Villagomez and Chutima "Mel" Borja won hands down with their Bud King and Chun Li impersonations.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank M. Reyes, the $4,000 grand prize for the Budweiser 40 Days Giveaways promotion, poses with MARPAC resident manager Guy Pudney, right, and MARPAC marketing manager James Lee.

The best couple Halloween costume, meanwhile, went to Jihan Buniag and Salam Younis, who dressed as Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

"MARPAC would like to thank everyone who participated in our 40 Days of Giveaways Promotion," said MARPAC resident manager Guy Pudney. "This was just another way for us to say 'thank you' on our 40th anniversary. We invested a lot of time and effort into it and we're very happy on how the whole promotion turned out, especially the grand finale at Poseidon. Congratulations to Frank Reyes our grand prizewinner of $4,000 cash and to all of our other winners who took home prizes such as Guam and Manila trips, free gas from Shell, shopping sprees, hotel stays, and Bud gear. Thank you Saipan."

MARPAC would like to thank Power 99 and DJ Vaughn "Bonez" Hofschneider as well as the night's performers and staff of Poseidon Bar for hosting the successful event. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Sword found in civil contempt

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REPORTER

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja has found businessman Gerhard "Gary" Sword in civil contempt for failing to comply with a court order to pay his debt with the Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Naraja ordered Sword yesterday to pay $500 per month to the bank, instead of $1,000 per month starting Nov. 15, 2013.

Naraja also determined that Sword still owes the bank $4,500.

Saipan Tribune contacted Sword at his office at KKMP FM radio station for comment but a staff said he was not there at the time.

Sword was served with a bench warrant last week for failing to appear at a hearing on Oct. 2, 2013. He was released after posting a $500 bail.

The clerk of court then ordered him to appear in court yesterday to explain why he should not be held in civil contempt for disobeying a court order.

Sword represented himself at yesterday's hearing. Attorney Michael White appeared for Bank of the FSM.

According to court records, the bank sued Sword in January 2010 for failing to pay $31,409 in principal sum of loan plus interest.

In August 2010, White asked the court to issue a $38,092 default judgment against Sword for not responding to the lawsuit. The clerk of court later issued a default judgment on Sept. 20, 2010.

The clerk of court ordered Sword to appear on Nov. 10, 2010, to answer questions concerning any assets that he may have to satisfy the judgment.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo reset the Nov. 10 hearing to Dec. 22, 2010, after Sword failed to appear.

On Nov. 30, 2010, White and Sword signed an agreement, in which the defendant promised to pay $1,000 per month, starting on Nov. 1, 2010.

Sword stopped payments on Jan. 24, 2011, leaving a balance of $4,500. The clerk of court ordered him to appear in court on July 20, 2011, to explain why he should not be held in contempt and punished for disobeying the order.

When Sword failed to appear at the July 20, 2011, hearing, the court issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

On Aug. 9, 2011, Sword's wife, attorney Rosemond Santos, informed the court that she will represent the defendant in the case. Santos also moved to quash the bench warrant.

According to a person who served the show-cause order with Sword at KKMP on May 18, 2011, the defendant told her that he had not made his payments because he was waiting for a $40,000 check from the CNMI government.

On Aug. 11, 2011, Sword posted $1,000 bail. The following month, he again entered an agreement with White, in which he promised to start paying every month starting on Oct. 1, 2011.

White said that Sword stopped paying on May 10, 2013, leaving a balance of $13,400. He then asked the court to issue another show-cause order against the defendant.

On Aug. 27, 2013, the clerk of court ordered Sword to appear in court on Oct. 2, 2013, and explain why he should not be found guilty of contempt.

Sword failed to appear at the Oct. 2 hearing, prompting Naraja to issue a bench warrant for his arrest.

In April 2012, the NMI Retirement Fund filed a lawsuit against Sword and his company for their alleged defective pension software that has already cost the Fund $406,060. It is not clear if the case is still pending.

CLI hosts Open House today

The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI, in collaboration with the Statewide Independently Living Council, is inviting the public to its Open House today, Oct. 31, 2013, from 10am to 2pm, at Buiding No. 1366 on Capital Hill.

The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI is a non-profit organization run by and for people with disabilities. Our mission is to ensure the rights of individuals with disabilities to live independently and fully integrated within the community, outside of an institutional care setting.

For more information, contact 322-4303/4304. ***(PR)***

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Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Western Pacific Aquaculture Co., Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, November 04, 2013.

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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF A NEW SEAWATER FIRE PUMP AND ELECTRIC DRIVEN MOTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-001-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposal for the procurement and delivery of a new Seawater Fire Pump and Electric Driven Motor for its Seaport Operation.

The location and scope of work package is available beginning October 11, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement and Delivery of a new Seawater Fire Pump and Electric Driven Motor-CPA-RFP-001-14." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, October 31, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

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Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P equivalent foreign license.

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Diploma for technical / vocational course on automotive / diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment.

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Associates degree with 8 years of progressive airline passenger service experience and 3 years in supervisory capacity.

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Sorensen sets ABC7 'same-day' programming for Saipan

GUAM—ABC7 (KPPI-LP), Saipan's only free over the air television broadcaster, is excited to announce another first for television entertainment on Saipan. Beginning Nov. 4, at 6pm, ABC7 will begin broadcasting the full line up of ABC Network and local programming on a same-day basis.

Saipan viewers will now be able to watch all their favorite ABC programs on the same day as family and friends in Guam and the U.S. mainland. To date, all network broadcast and most cable channels aired on Saipan are broadcast on a one-week delayed basis, including most news and sports programs.

Of particular importance is that Guam's leading television newscast "Nightly News from the Pacific News Center" will air simultaneously on Guam and Saipan at 6pm nightly Monday through Friday. This gives Saipan viewers the opportunity to be kept abreast on the latest news, sports, and weather from Saipan's largest neighbor!

ABC7's Network entertainment programming includes such popular shows as: Dancing with the Stars, Scandal, Revenge, Castle, Marvel's Agents of Shield, Once Upon a Time, Jimmy Kimmel Live, and the Academy Awards. Network sports programming includes College Football, NBA basketball, NASCAR racing. News Programs include: Good Morning America, Nightly News with Dianne Sawyer, World News Now, Nightly News from the Pacific News Center, and Guam Weekly News in Review.

ABC7's full program schedule may be viewed at www.abc-7guam.com.

"This is an exciting addition to Saipan's entertainment choices," said Rex Sorensen, president of the Sorensen Media Group owner of ABC7 Saipan. "We could not have done this without the cooperation of IT&E who is providing the digital bandwidth to transmit our programming from Guam to Saipan via their undersea fiber circuits. We would like to thank Danilo "Bong" Mojica, Joy Santos, and the entire IT&E technical team for making our transmission possible."

Local advertisers can now place their ads on the only live television channel on Saipan reaching both cable subscribers and non-cable subscribers, giving them the largest potential audience of any television channel on Saipan.

The station, along with its companion radio station POWER 99FM, is managed on Saipan by Sorensen Media Group's island manager Tina Palacios.

Sorensen Media Group, a privately-held media and entertainment company, is the leading private broadcast company in the Mariana Islands with holdings in television, radio and internet broadcasting. SMG also provides audio and video production and social media services. Its owned radio stations include Power 98 FM, Newstalk K57 AM , 105 The Kat FM and The Shark in Guam and Power 99 FM on Saipan! In television, its stations are ABC7 and Fox6 Guam and ABC7 on Saipan. Radio and nightly television news is provided to each station and the Internet by its news operation The Pacific News Center. ***(Pacific News Center)***

Fake bomb threats at Guam mall result in federal charges

GUAM—Federal criminal charges were filed against Michael San Nicolas Santos yesterday stemming from recent bomb threats directed at the Dededo Mall, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The federal criminal complaint alleges that on three occasion—Sept. 26, 2013, Oct. 10, 2013, and Oct. 29, 2013—Santos, using a cellular phone, called 911 and falsely reported a bomb threat to the Dededo Mall located in Dededo, Guam. On each of those dates, Santos was scheduled to appear as a defendant in a small claims case pending in the Superior Court of Guam, Northern Court Satellite, which is located in the Dededo Mall. Each of the phone calls was made shortly before Santos' scheduled court appearance and caused the evacuation of the court and other occupants of the Dededo Mall, and the continuance of Santos' hearing and all court cases.

Santos was arrested on Oct. 29, 2013, shortly after the most recent bomb threat.

The complaint charges three counts of violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e). Under that statute, it is a federal criminal offense to willfully make a threat or maliciously convey false information, through the use of a telephone, an instrument of interstate or foreign commerce, concerning an alleged attempt being made to unlawfully damage or destroy a building by means of an explosive. Each violation of the statute carries a maximum potential sentence of ten years in federal prison and a $250,000 fine.

Santos made his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan Jr. on Oct. 30, 2013, at 10am. The court set a preliminary examination hearing for Nov. 13, 2013, at 2:30pm, and remanded Santos to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Guam Police Department, E911 personnel, the Guam Fire Department, and the Joint Terrorism Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorney Marivic David.

The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. ***(USAO)***

Red flag up at 3 Saipan beaches

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the beaches adjacent to the Tanapag Meeting Hall, Hafa Adai Hotel, and the CK Dist. 2 drainage on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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It's no shock that the US spies on its allies

Charles de Gaulle, the French Resistance leader and later president of France, was once warned that he should not hate his friends more than his enemies. "France," he replied, "has no friends, only interests."

It would be interesting to know how he would have responded had he learned, as German Chancellor Angela Merkel recently did, that his phone communications had been secretly monitored by an American spy agency. But it's a pretty safe bet that he wouldn't have been surprised.

Merkel herself probably isn't either, though she made a public display of objecting to the revelation that for years, the National Security Agency had spied on her, along with more than 30 other foreign leaders. A spokesman said the chancellor told President Barack Obama that such spying "would be a grave breach of trust. Such practices must cease immediately." French President Francois Hollande likewise expressed shock and outrage at the allegations.

But the protests should be taken with a grain of salt. Madeleine Albright said the French, of all people, listened in on her phone conversations while she was ambassador to the United Nations under President Bill Clinton. "This is not a surprise to people," she said of the latest disclosures.

Bernard Squarcini, who ran the French domestic intelligence service, was equally dismissive: "The agencies know perfectly well that every country, even when they cooperate on anti-terrorism, spies on its allies," he wrote. "No one is a dupe." There may be more genuine anger among those leaders not deemed important enough to warrant surveillance.

It's not hard to grasp why countries would want to spy on their friends as well as their enemies. If the Obama administration wants to cultivate German or French cooperation on Iran or Syria, it needs all the information it can get about how best to advance that goal. European governments doubtless prefer to get warnings about possible U.S. action at their convenience, not Washington's.

Nor can these partners forget that they sometimes differ sharply on matters of great moment. In 2002, Merkel's predecessor, Gerhard Schroeder, won re-election while vigorously denouncing the proposed U.S. invasion of Iraq, and one of his ministers compared George W. Bush to Hitler. Bush wrote in his memoirs that Schroeder had misled him by promising to support the war—a claim that prompted Schroeder to accuse Bush of lying. The line between ally and adversary is sometimes thin and sometimes movable.

The White House was coy about the charge of eavesdropping on Merkel in the past, stating, "The United States is not monitoring and will not monitor the communications of the chancellor." But the NSA did deny a report that the president knew about the practice and let it continue.

It would hardly be surprising if the agency had done the surveillance on its own—not because it feared Obama would disapprove but because it wanted to shield him from blame if it became public. "Plausible deniability" is often a good thing for a president to have.

The public exchanges were part of a ritual exercise that seemed to be done mostly for show. Merkel was careful not to get carried away, saying, "I think the most important thing is to find a basis for co-operation in the future." None of the complaining leaders is likely to refuse the information they routinely get from American intelligence.

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Lying about freeloading poor people

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The Salvation Army last year commissioned a poll assessing Americans' attitudes about the poor. More than one in four—27 percent—said they believe people are poor because they are lazy, not because they chose their parents unwisely or were hammered by forces beyond their control.

By sheer coincidence, that 27 percent finding dovetails nicely with the Gallup Poll's recent report that 28 percent of Americans have a favorable view of the Republican Party. It's also close to the 25 percent who told the Huffington Post/YouGov poll this summer that they believe aliens have visited planet Earth and the 25 percent who told the Pew Religion and Public Life Project in 2009 that they believe in astrology.

Forty-three percent of those surveyed in the Salvation Army poll in February 2012 said they believe people living in poverty can always find a job if they really want to work. Forty-nine percent believe a good work ethic is all that's needed to escape poverty.

Here's my favorite statistic from this poll: Around 30 percent said poor people usually have lower moral values than their more affluent brothers and sisters.

People are entitled to believe stupid things, like alien abductions. Hey, you can't prove otherwise, right? But when data disprove your beliefs, and you believe them anyway, then you're just being stupid.

At least 216,761 credulous people live in the state of Maine, that being the number who elected Republican Paul LePage governor in 2010.

A couple of Mondays ago, LePage told a meeting of the Informed Women's Network in suburban Portland that "about 47 percent of able-bodied people in the state of Maine don't work. About 47 percent. It's really bad."

No, it's really false. The Informed Women's Network is now the Misinformed Women's Network.

LePage has a record of making profoundly ignorant remarks, but using "47 percent" is a doozy. Did he not notice what "47 percent" did to Mitt Romney last year?

"One in three" people in Maine are collecting welfare, LePage misinformed the Informed Women.

Actually, 15,729 Maine families were receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (the program that now passes for "welfare") the last time the statistics were compiled. Maine has 551,601 households. That's 3.1 percent, not 33 percent, so LePage was off by more than a factor of 10.

That's not the grasp of facts you want in a governor.

A spokeswoman for the governor (what a great job that must be) said that LePage was counting not just those on cash assistance (TANF) but those on food stamps and Medicaid, too.

But half of the people on Medicaid are children, and an additional 25 percent are the disabled and the elderly with complex medical needs. The 25 percent of able-bodied adults on Medicaid often are working, but making so little money that they still qualify.

As to counting food stamps as "welfare," you can be able-bodied enough to work two jobs (like McDonald's suggests its employees do) and, if you've got kids, still be poor enough to qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Four out of every 10 families in the SNAP program have at least one adult in their homes working full or part-time. There are work rules designed to make sure that if you don't have a job, you're at least looking for one.

Can these rules be evaded? Yes, they can. Is this usually the case? No, it's not. Does it make people feel less selfish to think otherwise? Apparently so.

The official unemployment rate was 7.2 percent last month. The unofficial rate, which counts people who are so discouraged they've stopped and part-timers who can't find a full-time job, is roughly 4 to 5 points higher than that. Among African-Americans the unemployment rate is 12.9 percent.

In Missouri, the food stamp allotment for an individual is $200 a month. Assuming you eat three meals a day, that's $2.22 per meal. That's about to go down to $189 a month, or $2.10 a meal.

On Thursday, Missouri's Democratic governor, Jay Nixon, backed off previously}announced plans to eliminate this princely perk for 58,000 long-term unemployed (able-bodied!) adults. Since 2009, when the economy went in the tank, the state has received a federal waiver for work requirements for adults on food stamps. It's still hard for many Missourians to find anything but part-time minimum-wage work, which still leaves them eligible for food stamps.

However, beginning Friday, all Missouri food stamp recipients will see a decrease. That's because extra funds from the 2009 economic stimulus bill will expire. A single mother with three kids will see her allotment go from $668 to $632. That's $1.75 for each meal.

The Republican-controlled U.S. House has passed a Farm Bill that contains a further $40 billion in cuts to the food stamp program over the next 10 years. Republicans said it would encourage people to get out of the house and look for jobs.

How do these people get the nerve to criticize anyone's moral values?

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By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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`Nai ha fagchae` hit disganau gi halom rimulinon te`ug na tiempon ha`ilas, esta maya` fan-atanta, ya manlotgun hit gi un` sumen poble na disietten añglu yan kansadu` na tanu` miserapble.

I pinadese diariu hana` fan gagalileg hit gi halom fache` didog na chinatsaga. Ni kuantu na kuentas, i fuetsan pottanmonedan familia un` numeru ha` `nai ha kahlañg-gue`. Ni unna` atlibes, i tutat parehu yan i finenina maseha kuantu biahe unna` atlibes.

Guaha `nai ni para bai` hatsa primet puesuelon kafe makat. I kuestion, kau u guaha mohon otru koyentura `nai siña bai` soñgsuñg i ma-utut na 25 pot sientu? Lastima disision rumitirau ni lumuluñu` megai na familia pa`gu.

Kontodu paluma buente masesiente pinadesen chinatsaga. Hombre siha masuhahaye-yu` pot mas bai` mana' diskalentau hinasoghu. Lau i man-bonita siha na pajaru gi asut mapagahes paraisu solu konsueluhu diariu. Ya maseha taiguine ta padedese tatnai chathinassuyu` sa` gaige ha` i Sainata na diariu ha pupulan todus gi didog na mattirun ha`ilas.

Tatnai tumekunyu` lau hu aksepta gi hilu` hinimidde disposision ginen hilu`. Guiya este i siklun lina`la` ni kumahulu` dispues tumunug. Mangaige hit pa`gu hihot gi fondu. Siempre un` dia u birague` hulu` i galaide`ta fitme gi chalan esperansa ya u deskatga hit ta`lu gi yanu na plaset.

Pinadesen Natibu

I ma-umentan chenot kanset, korason, reñihion, higadu yan otru siha seriosu na chenot gi man-natibu sumen presisu na u guaha inestudia ensegidas.

Mauleg maguadog kau ginen i hanom i umatisa ma-umentan todu klasen kanset? Yangin ti i hanom, pues manu `nai gaige hahale`ña este na problema?

I matai reñihion yan matulaikan kulot man-malañgu gi duranten daialasis (dialysis) hafa este mina` taiguiguine? Kau i hanom pat amot ni man-ma-u`usa?

Haf` na un' manada gi tautau-ta man-tinatme diabetes (Type 2)? Kau modun linala`ta este pat gaige i defektu ti haga`ta?

Kau i poduñg naneñg ya umahnanau dimalas pot chetnot korason ginen bisiu pat gaige este lamayot patte gi defektun haga` natibu?

Estague` siha na defektun hinemlu` gi natibu debi i hospitat u choneg seriosu na inestudia pot para ta ketuñgu` hahale`ña yan kau guaha haf` na alibiu fuera de tinilada pot tinilada na amot pedulas.

`An esta mayamag sensing korasonta pues komprendiyon na tai bali i amot `sino hayegue` na medikun korason. Atrasau! Parehu yan reñihion yan sentidu siha na patte gi tatautau famalao`an. Komprendiyon na este na estudiu siha ha nesessita fondu. Debi i representeta Washington unna` lagarañongue` man-aligau mas fondu para este na nesessidat.

Ekun Napu gi chagu`

Gi kada finattun Haanen Mañantos (All Saints Day) man-daña i familia gi mana` gasgas seputtura. Todu ma-aregla yan mana` asentadu i lugat. Man-daña lokue` gi mafahan kurona yan dañges ya ma-adotna i seputtura para i espesiat na serimoñias.

Un` lugat ni humala todus guatu gi hilu` dinaña hagas hihot na familia. Dispues de felisitasion, marinueba inagoflie', mangrasiosu siha na konbetsasion yan gi uttimu besis i tinayuyot. Ayu na dinaña `nai gaige u fumana`gue hit bittun che`chu' tautau, respetu, inagoflie' yan ayudu gi halom familia piot i mas inaminasa didog na chinatsaga.

I man-gaige guihe na naftan kulan hana` fan man-hahassu hit na ayu lokue` na lugat `nai para tafan mapega `an mattu oran man-ma`agañg-ta. Este na eku siña ha` ti hoñgga lau i pañgpañg mensahe hagas inestablesen ginen hilu`. Tatnai matulaika!

Man-presente hit pot kada unu malagu` matufuñg na man-ayudague`. Mit grasias para i mañainata ni pumoñga gi korason yan hinassota bittun hinimidde, pinasensia, esperansa, yine`ase` yan inagoflie` gi halom mañelu. Na seguru na manayuyot hau gi seputtura `an man-bisita hau agupa`. Si Yuus Maase`!

Destrosiun Klima

Homhum na nubladu tumampe i tanu` na semana `nai ha fotmague` un` pagyu gi hilo`ta ya humanau lagu. Man-suette hit ta`lu na biahe. Gi mismu tiempu esta man-o`sun Filipinas, Taiwan, China yan Japon man-marigalu pagyun Marianas. Hombre, ti baba tafan a`atahgue guinaifen mañglu` haya piot sa` mamamaila` ha`anen gupot siha.

I mas na`mase` i sanpapa` na patte giya Fililpinas ni fina`um pagyu yan un` metgot linau. Esta namatman un` lugat ni pinita` miyas pot miyas ya nina` chichi` taduñg kantit achu` lau hagas yanu na tanu`. Adumidide` sige marikohen maisa siha mata`lun mahatsa gima` familia yan fasilidat siha ni man-yinamag gi linau. Gaige Fililpinas gi puntan mafanana`an Pacific Ring of Fire i propiu lugat linau.

Matutuhon ginagau ayudun gineftau guine. Yangin siña hau manayuda pot fabot na anaku` kanaimu sa` mampos didog na chinatsaga pinadesen niniha ayu na grupon mañgilisyanu.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Your own political agenda

Editor's Note: Due to the length of this letter, it is being published in three parts. This is the second part.

Delegate Sablan, I find your position on this matter quite paradoxical. On one hand, you have been in the past very forceful on the issue of cultural integrity and the maintenance of our traditions and customs. As a matter of fact, recalling your position during floor debate at the Legislature (4th Legislature) on Juan Pan's bill to reserve certain types of businesses for local people, you made an eloquent argument advocating against any efforts by foreigners to impose their will on islanders. Such position registered very well with the community and was supported by the Democratic Party back then. You spoke in favor of keeping our traditions and culture intact and the danger of cultural assimilation. You forewarned your colleagues then that incompatible cultural assimilation, if allowed to take place, would force the local people, Chamorro and Carolinian, to lose their cultural characteristics that distinguish them from other cultural groups. You made the claim that incompatible cultural assimilation is the most extreme form of acculturation. I completely subscribed to the fundamentals of such premise back then and I continue to agree with the same premise now.

Delegate Sablan, I find it very interesting that 29 years later you have completely disguised your true cultural identity and you seem to be suffering from early stages of geriatric syndrome. Had it not for the forceful assertion of aliens, particularly workers from the Philippines, in lobbying for improved immigration status for themselves, the Chamorro and Carolinian people would not have known and you will not have revealed what was and is your position on these two critical issues: 1) support the political, social, and economic advancement of foreign aliens through improved immigration status and pathway to citizenship or 2) help the speedy demise and destruction of the cultural and traditional integrity of the Chamorro and Carolinian people and the political control of their government. You willingly and unequivocally decided to represent and support the cause of aliens against the interests of your Chamorro and Carolinian people in the Commonwealth. We finally come to bear witness as to where your true allegiance falls and no one should have any doubt that your actual constituents are the financial establishments of aliens and their special interest. If *your* political issue is not vehemently challenged until the very end, the Chamorro and Carolinian should be on the lookout for the emergence of a ferociously powerful political "dominion," entirely and exclusively controlled by the highly economically affluent aliens. When these political forces are fully operational, not even you, Mr. Honorable Delegate, can stop its social, economic, and political manifestations here in the Commonwealth. This possibility could become so surreal where the Chinese and Koreans will have monopolistic control of the economy while the Filipinos and other ethnic minorities provide the population base for a strong voting bloc, a combination that will ultimately secure the complete overthrow of the political control and power away from the local people. The saddest part of your effort and its ironic consequences is that you will become their first political casualty and the most prized trophy they will forever claim. Remember the saying, "Be careful what you wish for because sometimes your wish can be your worst nightmare."

Delegate Sablan, the Commonwealth is not a nation of immigrants, unlike the United States, but an island community of small homogeneous ethnicity, culturally rooted in our traditional heritage. At this stage in our political, economic, educational, and social developments and the small size and fragility of our population, we are susceptible to unwarranted, unwanted, and incompatible transformations when overwhelmed by outside interests who are more skilled, cultured, and nationalistically sophisticated. No implication contained herein or in any way infers that the Chamorro and Carolinian are not as capable and competent to undertake any given tasks. The inherent problem is our government and its elected representatives who are less conscious of their fidelity to their fiduciary duty. Because of a particularly vocal interest groups' desire for improved immigration status, you sacrificed the long held cultural heritage of our Chamorro and Carolinian tradition of *respetu*. Your political agenda seems or appears to be so personally important to you that it consumes your time and trumps other pressing needs of our Chamorro and Carolinian people since your ascension to your current office. As a novice political observer, I clearly understand your renewed and profound interest on this matter. I will not question your motive but I will, however, challenge the cultural and social implications of your priority and the manner in which you push this issue through. If your total commitment to this cause is a way to enhance your political career, you should seriously consider if your energy is as boundless as your ambition!

Delegate Sablan, it matters less to me what issue you put at the forefront for congressional action but what is insulting and offensively appalling is you are being disingenuous for treating us, Chamorro and Carolinian people, as insignificant, especially on such matter that would fundamentally and will forever change the social fabric of our community. If your proposed language is sustained in the House, as contained in the Senate bill, our cultural order and language structures will unequivocally be impacted to such extent that we, Chamorro and Carolinian, may be in eminent danger of becoming extinct as indigenous people of the Commonwealth. From my personal observation, you seem to be salivating over putting your imprimatur on our history and changing the character and the culture and direction of the Chamorro and Carolinian society. This colossal possibility may sound improbable and fictionally insignificant to you but for those of us who are still clinging to our traditional values and cultural heritage passed on by our forebears, it is who and what we are that matters the most. Our cultural and traditional beliefs are indispensable, untradable, and uncompromisable because it is dignified. It is through our action that causes indignity to ourselves. So for the sake of our Chamorro and Carolinian people's continued survival, I hope to God that the U.S. House of representatives rejects the Senate bill and does not include any reference to improved immigration status and a pathway to citizenship in their own version of immigration legislation. Instinctively aware of its overbearing and life-threatening implications to the Chamorro and Carolinian people and to accelerate your precipitous fall from political power, I am determined to implore the assistance of other fellow Chamorro and Carolinian to lobby relentlessly from every front possible and appeal through U.S. legislative members in both Houses so that *your* political agenda will be rejected and not considered at all. This will definitely be a very challenging undertaking but worth the effort. ***To be continued.***

Daniel O Quitugua
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

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Though the various spy agencies may have to back off a bit at least temporarily, they are not likely to decide that friends don't snoop on friends. This sort of surveillance, at one level or another, will go on. Governments that want to keep secrets—including our own—will have to find ways to make their communications more secure. In a dangerous, unpredictable world, no one is going to do it for them.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°

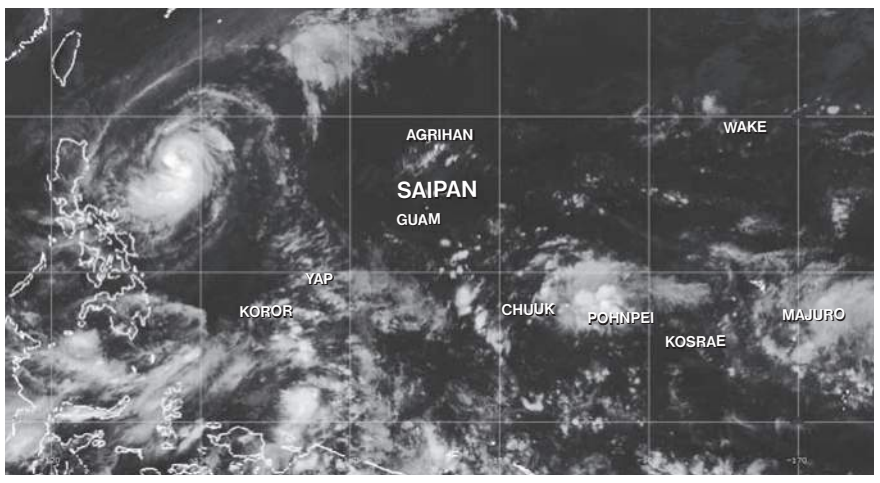
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼74
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲67	▼57
Beijing	Cloudy	▲61	▼38
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲85	▼74
Honolulu	Showers	▲85	▼72
London	Showers	▲58	▼49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲69	▼51
Manila	Cloudy	▲87	▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼43
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼74
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲60	▼47
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼56
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼51
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼58
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲58	▼46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼46
Tokyo	Sunny	▲69	▼54
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼55

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Krosa (29W) located 1075 miles west-northwest of Guam is centered near 16N129E and moving west at 15 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the tropical storm can be found west of 133E and between 12N and 20N. Low-level convergence east of Krosa is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 135E and 137E from 10N and 20N. For more information on Tropical Storm Krosa, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31. A monsoon trough extends southeastward from Tropical Storm Krosa to 8N132E to 4N140E to EQ148E. Low-level convergence south of the trough is producing scattered showers south of Palau between 2N and 5N from 130E to 134E and between the equator and 5N from 136E to 144E. Another surface trough extends from the tropical storm to the northeast to beyond 25N137E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough are located between 22N and 25N from 134E to 141E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei between 6N and 10N from 154E to 160E and between 8N and 10N from 160E to 165E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over a large portion of the Marshall Islands between 3N and 9N from 169E to 180. A shearline enters the discussion area near 22N180 to 21N175E to 21N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms can be found within 100 miles along and north of the boundary.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

11:33 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
4:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
11:07 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
5:37 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Monday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:55 AM	3:16 PM
Friday	3:47 AM	3:59 PM
Saturday	4:41 AM	4:44 PM
Sunday	5:38 AM	5:33 PM
Monday	6:37 AM	6:26 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
D2102	2:20am	5:50am	3
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
D2104	2:00pm	5:30pm	6
OZ6063	3:30am	7:20am	4, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:10pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5074/PR111	11:20am	4:45pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
D2101	8:30am	2:00pm	3
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
D2103	7:30pm	1:00am+1	6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ6053	9:10pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:40am	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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A generous donation of over $1,000 in cash and in-kind from Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods general manager Jay Santos, fourth right, is presented to Joeten Memorial Golf Classic organizing committee member Darlene Macaranas, third right, in support of the upcoming golf fundraiser tournament scheduled on Nov. 9, 2013, at the Saipan Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort West Course. Also in the photo, from left to right, are JMGC organizing committee chair Somia Quan, Clarence Tenorio Jr., and Triple J Rentals Micronesia assistant general manager Alex Camacho. Prizes up for grabs are valued at over $100,000. Registration fee is $95 per player and forms are available at all Joeten locations, Ace Hardware, Joeten Motors, Boarderline, The Athlete's Foot, AllStar Sporting Goods, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Registration fee must be paid at the Joeten Motor parts department. Cash, checks, and all major credit cards are accepted. Checks must be made payable to Joeten Memorial Golf Classic. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Joeten Charitable Foundation. For other information about the tournament contact Somia Quan at 234-6446. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Report: Palau, Tonga, Vanuatu lead business reforms in Pacific

SYDNEY, Australia—Palau, Tonga, and Vanuatu are among the Pacific region's top performers when it comes to implementing business reforms over the last year, according to the World Bank Group's annual report measuring the ease of doing business in 189 economies across the globe.

Doing Business 2014: Understanding Regulations for Small and Medium-Size Enterprises finds that Palau introduced legislation that strengthened secured transaction systems and made it easier to enforce contracts, while Vanuatu and Tonga established private credit bureaus to improve access to finance.

"Creating an enabling business environment and attractive investment climate are key to increasing income and reducing poverty, so it is very encouraging to see some of the smaller Pacific island nations introducing effective reforms over the last 12 months," said IFC's senior operations officer for the Pacific Jonathon Kirkby. "Overall, the Pacific is still a relatively difficult place to do business, and much work still needs to be done across the region to open up business opportunities that create jobs and improve lives."

IFC is working with a number of Pacific governments on projects that will help improve their investment climate and make it easier to do business. The Papua New Guinea government is working with IFC and New Zealand Aid to introduce the country's first online business registry. Timor-Leste has recently introduced the SERVE one-stop-shop where business owners can obtain a commercial registration certificate, license, and tax identification number from a single counter, cutting down the time required to complete these procedures.

Across the Asia-Pacific region, the Doing Business report finds that since 2005, 24 of 25 economies have made their regulatory environment more business-friendly. Among the region's economies, China made the greatest progress during that time in improving business regulation for local entrepreneurs.

Singapore continues to provide the world's most business-friendly regulatory environment for local entrepreneurs, followed by Hong Kong SAR, China. In the past year, 15 of 25 economies in East Asia and the Pacific implemented at least one regulatory reform making it easier to do business.

Joining Singapore and Hong Kong on the list of the 10 economies with the most business-friendly regulations this year are, in this order, New Zealand, the United States, Denmark, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Georgia, Norway, and the United Kingdom.

This year's report features a case study on the Republic of Korea's electronic court system for enforcing contracts, Malaysia's electronic system for paying taxes, and Singapore's single-window system for trading across borders.

In addition to the global rankings, every year Doing Business reports the economies that have improved the most on the indicators since the previous year. The 10 economies topping that list this year are (in order of improvement) Ukraine, Rwanda, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Kosovo, Djibouti, Côte d'Ivoire, Burundi, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Guatemala.

Yet challenges persist: five of this year's top improvers—Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, the Philippines, and Ukraine—are still in the bottom half of the global ranking on the ease of doing business as measured by the report.

Doing Business report series

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Coast Guard medevacs vessel crew near Kiribati

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard medically evacuated a crewmember from a fishing vessel located approximately 280 miles southwest of Kanton Island, Kiribati, Tuesday.

At 11:35am, Monday, watchstanders at the Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu received notification from the fishing vessel *Jeanette* regarding a crewmember who suffered stroke-like symptoms.

A Coast Guard flight surgeon was consulted and recommended a medical evacuation of the 66-year-old man.

The JRCC instructed the crewmembers of the *Jeanette* to divert from their fishing patrol and head to Kanton.

At 1am, Tuesday, a HC-130 Hercules airplane crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Oahu was launched to conduct a medevac of the crewmember.

At approximately 8:10am, the Hercules aircrew landed in Kanton, picked up the man, and transported him to Pago Pago, American Samoa, where he was transferred to emergency medical personnel. He was then taken to Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center for further treatment. ***(USCG)***

NOTICE

TO: LEWIS T. AND MARY ANN TENORIO:

You are in default in your Promissory Note dated May 10, 2006, secured by a Leasehold Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot 011 G 574, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 11, the original of which was recorded on December 3, 1993 as Document No. 93-4179 at the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

(b)	Date and amount of Promissory Note and Mortgage:	May 10, 2006; $80,000.00
(c)	Amount due for principal:	$275.91 as of August 11, 2013
(d)	Amount due for interest:	$1,485.12 as of August 11, 2013
(e)	Daily accruing interest:	$16.336
(f)	Late charges	$70.50 as of August 11, 2013
(g)	Amount due for Escrow deposit:	$105.00

If the principal, interest, escrow payments, and late charges $1,936.53 as of August 11, 2013, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, and Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different form the creditor indicated above.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Señot yan Señora Tenorio:

Ti un komple i kontratan debimu (Promissory Note) ni un fitma gi Mayo dia 10, 2006, ni afabobot i Mortgage ma asegurao i tano yan guma ni un empeña gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega i empeña (Mortgage) guato gi BankPacific, Ltd.

(a) I deskripsion tano ni ma empeneň (mortgaged):

Sito Numera 001 G 574, ni gaigi Saipan, Note Marianas, mas patikulamente ma discribi gi Drawing/Cadastral Plat numero 001 G11, i orihinat ma rehistra gi fecha Disembre dia 3, 1993 komo Documento numero 93-4179 giya i Ofisinan Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

(b)	I kantida yan i fechan este na debi yan empepeña:	Mayo dia 10, 2006, $80,000.00
(c)	Kantida un dibi para principat:	$275.81 asta ki Agosto dia 11, 2013
(d)	Kantida un dibi para interes:	$1,485.12 asta ki Agosto dia 11, 2013
(e)	Interes kada dia:	$16.336
(f)	Apas pot atrasao (late charges):	$70.50 asta ki Agosto dia 11, 2013
(g)	Kantida un dibi para Escrow:	$105.00

Yangin ti un apasi i kantida na principat, interes, yan apas pot atrasao (late charges) $1,936.53, yan i resanable na apas abugado gi halom trenta (30) dias despues di i fecha ni un resibe este na notisia, un ma konsidera komo ti unkomple i kontratamu (default), ya siempre u-matutuhun kontra hago a kausan kotti ni para uma kondena ya uma dendi i propriadat tano'mu ni un empepeña guato gi BankPacific.

Solo yangin halom trenta (30) dias dispues de un resibe este na notisia yan un kontra minagahet-ña pot i apudera sino komo i pattida, siempre bai in hongge an asientadu a apudera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este i trenta (30) dias siklo man infofotma hao pot i apudera sino komo i pattida para un kontra, pues bai in henta infotmasion pot i dibi-mu dispues un ma kattayi i kopia pot este na de'unta. Anai in resibe i katta-mu gi halom trenta (30) dias siklo, bai in nai'i hao i na'an yan address i akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na katta para u ma na'kesiña ma rikohi i dibi-mu. Maseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera-sina bai in usa para bai in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este I dibi-mu.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.
Attorney at Law
October 10, 2013

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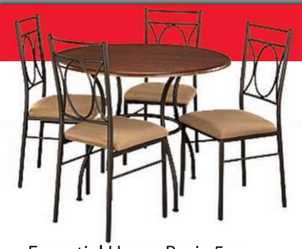

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Martina Diaz is Tinian school's Teacher of the Year

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Martina Diaz has been named Tinian Junior & Senior High School's 2014 Teacher of the Year.

A graduate of Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in English, Diaz teaches 9th grade English, world literature, British literature, and Honors English on Tinian.

» Alo, King also honored

"This year will be Ms. Diaz's fourth year teaching. She will be a teacher mentor this school year in addition to the many roles she obtains," said TJSHS principal Jennifer San Nicolas.

Diaz also serves as the Language Arts department chair and is a member of the Professional Learning Community. She is the accreditation chair, the Parent Literacy (Partners in Print) coordinator, the senior class adviser, as well the co-adviser for other student clubs and organizations at the Tinian Junior and Senior High School.

According to San Nicolas, Diaz continues to further her education. "She continues to improve the effectiveness of her teaching by participating in professional developments and taking a course with the Instructional Technology cohort," San Nicolas said. "She builds positive relationships with her students and challenges them in the classroom."

"Ms. Diaz is hardworking and has high hopes for all of us," a Tinian student said. "The Stallion team is definitely proud of our Teacher of the Year!"

Meantime, Brigette Alo, who became part of the Stallion school community in 2008, was named the TJSHS Teacher Aide of the Year.

Alo shared that she loves helping teachers and working with children and loves her students as one of her own.

She is currently taking online courses with the University of Phoenix to pursue an associate degree in Education for grades K-12.

Diaz

Alo

King

Alo assists teachers in preparing daily lessons and assignments for her students.

"She has put on many hats during her five years at TJSHS," said San Nicolas. "We are glad to have Mrs. Brigette Alo on our team and would like to continue our journey with her here at Tinian Jr./Sr. High School. Mrs. Alo truly has the passion to teach and loves working with kids."

Alo has served as the 9th grade class adviser, YAP (Youth Advisory Panel) co-adviser, and is currently the co-adviser for Tinian's MY WAVE Club.

"Mrs. Alo is nice and very kind. She is very helpful. She helps anyone who needs help and has also helped me," one of her students said.

The Instructor of the Year honors went to 1st Sgt. Jose King.

King joined the Tinian Stallion family three years ago after retiring from the U.S. Army. He initially worked under the Troops to Teacher Program as a teacher aide for the Chamorro/Carolinian Language Heritage Studies. After his first year as a teacher aide, he moved on to become the Leadership Corps instructor. King is currently the Army instructor for TJSHS's JROTC program.

King said he enjoys teaching and sharing the knowledge and experiences he has had with his students.

"He has held numerous duty positions which includes being a team leader, a squad leader, a platoon sergeant, a drill sergeant, and many more," San Nicolas shared.

King is not only dedicated to the JROTC program but is also involved in the school's National Honor Society and Health & Wellness Program.

"1st Sgt. King is really cool. My friends and I enjoy going to his class. He shares and teaches us what we really need to know to survive in the real world," one student said.

"We are fortunate to have such a compassionate and supportive Army instructor with whom the children feel safe and comfortable with," San Nicolas said. "He is truly an asset and an exceptional leader in our community."

Bordallo, NZ officials discuss bilateral relations

OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE

From left, Speaker David Carter of the New Zealand House of Representatives, Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), and Ambassador Mike Moore.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) met yesterday with Speaker David Carter of the New Zealand House of Representatives and Ambassador Mike Moore to discuss bilateral relations between the United States and New Zealand.

"For the first time in almost 30 years, the United States and New Zealand are resuming military-to-military contact," said Bordallo. "I appreciated meeting with Speaker Carter and Ambassador Moore to discuss our countries' joint defense activities as well as the importance of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Expanded defense cooperation with New Zealand is a sign of strong bilateral relations as well as the progress being made on the Asia-Pacific rebalance. The Speaker emphasized the importance of the Trans-Pacific Partnership to the United States' economic and security future. I appreciated the candid discussion about the importance of this trade agreement to our overall rebalance strategy." ***(PR)***

Payments for conservation program now ready following shutdown delay

WASHINGTON—Farmers waiting for their Conservation Security or Conservation Stewardship Program payments should receive them in the coming days.

The shutdown of the federal government delayed some of the $907 million in payments from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to CSP participants who have enrolled millions of acres to improve the overall conservation performance of their operations.

"Farmers and ranchers are stewards of our natural resources, and their efforts show the value of conservation—working farms, ranches, and forests can provide food and fiber as well as clean water and valuable wildlife habitat," NRCS chief Jason Weller said. "We're happy to have our staff back in the field where they can continue working with farmers and ranchers to put conservation practices on the ground."

The payments are part of a financial assistance program for producers who are already established conservation stewards and are implementing additional conservation activities for higher, farm-level benefits on their property. This work leads to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and enhanced wildlife habitat, while also supporting rural economies.

The Conservation Stewardship Program, now in its fifth year, replaced the former Conservation Security Program. To date, farmers, ranchers and forestland owners have enrolled about 60 million acres into the programs.

Funding for other Farm Bill programs expired Sept. 30, including the Conservation Reserve Program, Grassland Reserve Program, Wetland Reserve Program, Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative and Healthy Forests Reserve Program.

For more information, visit a local USDA Service Center or visit NRCS' website, *www.nrcs.usda.gov.* ***(USDA)***

COURTESY CALL

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Col. P. J. Zimmerman, left, the new commanding officer of the Marine Crops Activity Guam, made a courtesy visit to the Mayor of Tinian, Ray Dela Cruz, Monday afternoon, following an introductory tour of Tinian. Zimmerman was previously the commanding officer of Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina. The mayor and the colonel discussed key issues, in particular the need to build the Tinian landfill and close the old dump and negative community feelings about the proposed artillery range.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

BOO! Happy birthday, Tamara Masga! May God bless you with many more happiness on your special day. Enjoy your day with many loves and treats. Hugs and kisses to you. Love, Kumaire, Kumpaire Eric, and Izaiah.

Happy, happy birthday to my "Dudus Nina" Sheyvonne Judy! May the Lord continue to bless you with many more wonderful years! I love you! Greetings come from Heaven Agnes.

DPS reminds everyone to observe a safe Halloween

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candies. Even some adults still like to go trick-or-treating. But everyone can get so caught up in the fun that they might forget some simple safety ideas that could keep everyone out of trouble.

Here are some safety tips from the Department of Public Safety. DPS encourages the public to apply these rules to be safe. Let's all work together to give everyone a safe and enjoyable Halloween night and to give our kids some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life.

ADULTS

■ When taking your kids to sponsored events, make sure to keep an eye on them at all times.

■ Know the routes your kids will be taking or plan it out for them and ensure that they follow it through.

■ Have your kids travel in groups and have an adult along with them.

■ Set time limits for your kids to return home, and have them call you every hour, especially if they are running late.

■ When buying customs for your kids, make sure that it is fire proof.

■ Make sure masks do not obstruct their view or breathing.

■ Put some reflective tapes on their front and back.

■ Have your kids carry a flashlight or night sticks and teach them to have it visible at all times, especially when vehicles are present.

■ Ensure that swords, knives, and similar costume accessories are not hard, do not have sharp edges and should be short, soft and flexible.

■ Encourage your kids not to consume their goodies until you have examined all for choking hazards and that the goodies have not been tampered with.

CHILDREN

■ Be sure that you travel in groups or accompanied by an adult when trick-or-treating.

■ Be sure that an adult accompanies you to the door of every home you approach.

■ Do not enter homes without permission from your parents or the adult accompanying you.

■ Do not approach a vehicle unless accompanied by your parents or an adult.

■ Do not approach a home that is not well lit both inside and outside.

■ Stay alert for suspicious incidents and report them to your parents, guardians and/or the proper authority.

■ Obey all rules and curfew times that your parents, guardians have set for you and be sure to call them immediately if you are running late.

■ Look both ways before crossing a street and do not play on the roadway.

■ Use your flashlight or carry a bright night stick around at all times.

■ Do not eat your goodies until an adult or your parents or guardians have examined them for choking hazards. Do not eat unwrapped goodies or homemade treats.

MOTORISTS

■ Stay alert for trick-or-treaters on our streets, most especially when driving through poorly lighted areas.

■ Sound your horn to alert trick-or-treaters of your presence.

■ Buckle up. Use safety belts at all times.

■ Obey all streets signs and rules of the road.

■ Do not speed in villages.

Source: Department of Public Safety

FACTS & FIGURES

Halloween

Halloween, which dates back to Celtic rituals thousands of years ago, has long been associated with images of witches, ghosts and vampires. Today, Halloween has evolved into a celebration characterized by child-friendly activities, such as costumes, trick-or-treating and carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns.

Trick or Treat!

■ **41.1 million**: The estimated number of potential trick-or-treaters in 2012—children age 5 to 14—across the U.S. Of course, many other children—older than 14 and younger than 5—also go trick-or-treating.

■ **115 million:** Number of occupied housing units across the nation in second quarter 2013—all potential stops for trick-or-treaters.

■ **93.3 percent:** Percentage of households with residents who considered their neighborhood safe in 2011. In addition, 79.5 percent said there was no place within a mile of their homes where they would be afraid to walk alone at night.

■ **1,148**: Number of U.S. manufacturing establishments that produced chocolate and cocoa products in 2011, employing 35,538 people. California led the nation in the number of chocolate and cocoa manufacturing establishments, with 122, followed by Pennsylvania, with 109.

■ **440**: Number of U.S. manufacturing establishments that produced nonchocolate confectionary products in 2011. California led the nation in this category, with 56.

Where to spend Halloween?

Some places around the country that may put you in the Halloween mood are:

■ Tombstone, Ariz. (estimated population 1,358)

■ Sleepy Hollow, Ill. (estimated population 3,339)

■ Kill Devil Hills, N.C. (estimated population 6,827)

■ Yellville city, Ark. (estimated population 1,196)

■ Transylvania County, N.C. (estimated population 32,849)

■ Slaughter Beach town, Del. (estimated population 215)

■ Casper, Wyo. (estimated population 57,813)

■ Scarville, Iowa (estimated population 71)

■ Truth or Consequences city, New Mexico (estimated population 6,411)

Spooktacular fun

■ **4,575**: The number of motion picture theaters (except drive-ins) where one could possibly enjoy a horrorfest. California (537), Texas (296), New York (272) and Florida (206) had the most of such establishments. There were 244 drive-in motion picture theaters in 2011 – Ohio, with 24, had the most.

■ **47,800**: Acres of pumpkins harvested in the U.S. in 2012, with a total estimated production value of $148.9 million. Of the top six pumpkin-producing states, Illinois led the country by producing an estimated 556.3 million pounds of this vined gourd, followed by California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Michigan. Pumpkins are frequently carved as decorations around Halloween.

■ **$165 million:** The estimated seasonally adjusted annual rate of private nonresidential construction spending on theme/amusement parks for June 2013. Halloween events at theme/amusement parks can be frighteningly fun.

■ **1,197**: The number of costume rental and formal wear establishments; they had 6,936 paid employees (for pay period including March 12) across the nation in 2011.

■ **$1.1 billion:** Dollar value of U.S. fresh apples exported in 2012. Mexico was the leading customer, purchasing $284 million worth. Whether bobbing for or dipping in caramel, apples can be a fun treat around Halloween.

Who you gonna call?

■ **89 percent:** Percent of all households that had a cellular phone in 2011 compared with only 36 percent in 1998. The percentage of households with a cellular phone only (no landline) rose from less than 1 percent in 1998 to 28 percent in 2011.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

How to enjoy the treat without the trick

By LORI I. SERNA BSDH, MEd
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

It is Halloween once again the time of year, in which the most amount of candy is sold. In our minds Halloween is known for costumes and dress-ups but just as well it is known for candy. Being a dental hygienist, I am not a big fan of candy but being a child at heart, as well as a mother of two small children, I do have to admit that Halloween is my favorite holiday. You are probably wondering how I reconcile these two.

For starters I make sure my children and I follow simple rules that allow us to eat candy and avoid cavities at the same time.

Did you know that there are simple rules that anyone can follow to avoid risking cavities? Make sure to read them and follow them, so you too can enjoy the treats without playing tricks on your teeth.

1. Avoid HARD candy at all times: Lollipops and hard candy place your teeth at risk while they are melting in your mouth. The longer the hard candy is in your mouth the longer your teeth are at risk.

2. Always eat your sweets with a meal: When we are eating a regular meal the inside of the mouth is ready to digest food.

3. Only drink water between meals: Sugared beverages such as juice and soda are high in sugar. Try to drink more water and less juice and sodas.

4. If you must eat between meals, make healthy choices such as boiled eggs, hard cheese and nuts as well as fruit and vegetables.

5. Take care of your smile by brushing twice a day and flossing daily.

Nation

Health policy cancellations: New blow for admin

WASHINGTON (AP)—Move over, website woes. Lawmakers confronted the Obama administration Tuesday with a difficult new health care problem—a wave of cancellation notices hitting small businesses and individuals who buy their own insurance.

At the same time, the federal official closest to the website apologized for its dysfunction in new sign-ups and asserted things are getting better by the day.

Medicare chief Marilyn Tavenner said it's not the administration but insurers who are responsible for cancellation letters now reaching many of the estimated 14 million people who buy individual policies. And, officials said, people who get cancellation notices will be able to find better replacement plans, in some cases for less.

The Associated Press, citing the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, reported in May that many carriers would opt to cancel policies this fall and issue new ones. Administratively that was seen as easier than changing existing plans to comply with the new law, which mandates coverage of more services and provides better financial protection against catastrophic illnesses.

While the administration had ample warning of the cancellations, they could become another public relations debacle for President Barack Obama's signature legislation. This problem goes to the credibility of one of the president's earliest promises about the health care overhaul: You can keep your plan if you like it.

In the spring, state insurance commissioners started giving insurers the option of canceling existing individual plans for 2014, since the coverage required under Obama's law is more robust. Some states directed insurers to issue cancellations. Large employer plans that cover most workers and their families are unlikely to be affected.

The cancellation notices are now reaching policyholders, and they've been complaining to their lawmakers—who were grilling Tavenner on Tuesday.

"Based on what little information the administration has disclosed, it turns out that more people have received cancellation notices for their health care plans this month than have enrolled in the (health care website)," said Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp, R-Mich. He cited a news report of 146,000 cancellations in his state alone.

Smartwatches abound. But who really wants one?

AP

In this Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013, file photo, a model touches the screen of a Samsung Galaxy Gear smartwatch in Berlin, Germany.

NEW YORK (AP)—If consumer electronics companies are to be believed, someone on your holiday shopping list is just dying for a wristwatch that displays message alerts and weather updates.

Samsung and Sony have devices out for the holidays. Qualcomm has one coming. Apple is believed to be making one, and a new report says Google is developing one, too.

Why the big push for computerized watches? It's not coming from consumers, says Jonathan Gaw, a research manager at IDC. Rather, it's a product in search of a market -and an expensive one at that.

"We've had smartwatches for a while, and while the capabilities and technology have gotten better, this is still not something that people are clamoring for," Gaw says. "The idea that it would ramp up for the holidays was always kind of a stretch."

That hasn't stopped gadget makers from trying. Companies are under pressure to create a new source of buzz now that consumers are no longer wowed by the latest smartphones and tablet computers. Many people already have those devices, and the new ones out this year are evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

Gaw says many gadget makers see an opportunity to jump in with a smartwatch, before a behemoth like Apple is able get its rumored iWatch ready.

Last month, Samsung Electronics Co. started selling the $300 Galaxy Gear in the U.S. It works with selected Samsung smartphones to display email and text alerts. There's a camera on the strap for low-resolution photos and a speakerphone on the watch to make calls while leaving your phone in the pocket. You can install apps for additional functionality, such as tracking fitness activities and playing games, though there are only a handful of apps available for now.

Wash. pair get decades in prison for girl's death

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP)—A Washington couple accused of starving, beating and forcing their adopted daughter outside as punishment were sentenced Tuesday to decades in prison for her death.

Larry and Carri Williams were convicted Sept. 9 of manslaughter in the death of a teenage girl they adopted from Ethiopia. Carri Williams was also found guilty of homicide by abuse.

Hana Williams was found dead May 12, 2011, in the backyard of the family home in Sedro-Woolley, about 60 miles north of Seattle. The autopsy said she died of hypothermia, with malnutrition and a stomach condition as contributing factors.

Carri Williams was sentenced Tuesday to just under 37 years, the top of the standard sentencing range, by Judge Susan Cook who said she probably deserved more time in prison, the Skagit Valley Herald reported. Her husband received a sentence of nearly 28 years.

Cook vacated Carri Williams' manslaughter conviction because she was convicted of homicide by abuse for the same conduct.

Both also were found guilty of assault of a child for punishing a boy they adopted in 2008 from Ethiopia at the same time as Hana.

Both appeared in court in red jail uniforms and were led away in handcuffs after the sentencing.

The courtroom was filled with many Ethiopians and nine of the jurors who convicted Larry and Carri Williams after a seven-week trial in Skagit County Superior Court. Defense lawyers told jurors that questionable parenting practices didn't necessarily amount to a crime.

'Boobies' bracelet fight heading to Supreme Court

EASTON, Pa. (AP)—The court battle between two girls and their Pennsylvania school over "I (heart) Boobies!" bracelets could be settled by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Easton Area School District board voted 7-1 Tuesday night to appeal a federal appeals court's decision that rejected its claim the bracelets are lewd and should be banned from school.

The case started in 2010 when two girls, then ages 12 and 13, challenged the school's ban on the bracelets designed to promote breast cancer awareness among young people.

The students, Brianna Hawk and Kayla Martinez, said they merely hoped to promote awareness of the disease at their middle school. They filed suit when they were suspended for defying the ban on their school's Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

In August, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court's decision in favor of the girls, saying also that the district didn't prove the bracelets are disruptive.

Superintendent John Reinhart told The Express-Times of Easton he supports the board's decision.

"The Third Circuit Court has compromised administrators' abilities to intervene in what is and what is not appropriate in school," he said.

In court sessions, Reinhart had called the bracelets "cause-based marketing energized by sexual double-entendres."

An attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which helped the girls challenge the rule, said Tuesday night the school had been hinting that it would petition the Supreme Court.

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

The untimely passing of our beloved mother

†ROSARIO BENAVENTE ALDAN

Lovingly known as "Charo"

October 4, 1948 ~ October 14, 2013

has filled our hearts with inconceivable sadness, but we take comfort in knowing that she is now reunited with our Creator in a place where there is no pain. Our mother lived a life so full of love, happiness, and her own distinct laughter that brought so much joy to us.

We truly believe that there are those whose lives death cannot diminish. Their love radiates forever in the hearts of family and friends. We felt that love in the thoughtfulness and outpouring of support we have received from all of you. Your simple words and acts of kindness have truly consoled us during this very trying time. Moreover, we are sincerely grateful for your prayers and presence during our mother's daily Mass of Intention, Mass of Christian Burial, Interment and nightly Rosary.

With grateful hearts, we seek God's abundant blessings on each of you all the days of your lives.

Thank You & Sen Dangkulu Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase',

Children & Family

World

Istanbul's new rail tunnel links Europe and Asia

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkey has opened an underwater railway tunnel linking Europe and Asia, and the two sides of Istanbul, realizing a plan initially proposed by an Ottoman sultan about 150 years ago.

The Marmaray tunnel runs under the Bosporus, the strait that connects the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara and divides Istanbul between Asia and Europe. The tunnel is 13.6 kilometers (8.5 miles) long, including an underwater stretch of 1.4 kilometers (4,593 feet).

It is among a number of large infrastructure projects under the government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan that have helped boost the economy but also have provoked a backlash of public protest.

"I wish from God that the Marmaray that we are inaugurating will be a benefit to our Istanbul, to our country, to all of humanity," Erdogan said at the opening ceremony.

Officials hope that with up to 1.5 million passengers a day, the tunnel will ease some of Istanbul's chronic traffic, particularly over the two bridges linking the two sides of the city. A more distant dream is that the tunnel may become part of a new train route for rail travel between Western Europe and China.

The underwater portion of the tunnel wasn't dug, but was dropped in sections to the sea bottom—the immersed-tube method used around the world. Turkish officials say that at more than 55 meters (180 feet) deep, it is the world's deepest railway tunnel of its type.

Started in 2005 and scheduled to be completed in four years, the project was delayed by important archaeological finds, including a 4th century Byzantine port, as builders began digging under the city.

Kids pimping kids out for sex in Indonesia

BANDUNG, Indonesia (AP)—Chimoy flicks a lighter and draws a long drag until her cheeks collapse on the skinny Dunhill Mild, exhaling a column of smoke.

Her no-nonsense, tough-girl attitude projects the confidence of a woman in her 30s, yet she's only 17. Colorful angel and butterfly tattoos cover her skin, and she wears a black T-shirt emblazoned with a huge skull.

Chimoy—by her own account and those of other girls and social workers—is a pimp.

She got into the business when she was 14. A boyfriend's sister asked her to sell herself for sex, but she recruited a friend for the job instead. Then she established a pimping operation that grew to include a car, a house and some 30 working girls earning her up to $3,000 a month—a small fortune in a poor country.

"The money was too strong to resist," she says. "I was really proud to make money on my own."

Two years ago in Indonesia, there were zero reports of child pimps like Chimoy who work as the boss with no adults behind the scenes. But the National Commission for Child Protection says 21 girls between 14 and 16 have been caught working as "mamis" so far this year, and there are likely far more.

It's easier than ever. Kids can use text messages and social media to book clients and make transactions without ever needing to stand on a dark corner in a miniskirt and heels.

"The sickening thing is you see 11-year-olds, 12-year-olds, getting into these practices," says Leonarda Kling, Jakarta-based regional representative for Terre des Hommes Netherlands, a nonprofit working on trafficking issues. "You think: `The whole future of this child is just going to waste.'"

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel releases 26 Palestinian prisoners

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—Israel freed 26 Palestinian prisoners early Wednesday, the second of four batches to be released as part of a deal that set in motion the current Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. The decision to release the 26 has triggered anguish and anger in Israel, where many view the men as terrorists who have committed grisly crimes against Israelis. But jubilant celebrations erupted in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, where the prisoners are seen as heroes who fought for independence, and were received by their families and Palestinian leaders.

Chinese police seek 8 following Tiananmen attack

BEIJING (AP)—A hotel manager says Chinese police are circulating a list of eight suspects wanted in connection with an apparent suicide car crash near Tiananmen Square in Beijing that killed five people and injured 38. The woman said seven of the eight suspects had names typical of the Turkic Muslim Uighur ethnic group native to the restive northwestern region of Xinjiang. She said the other individual appeared to be ethnically Chinese. The woman, who runs the guesthouse attached to the Beijing liaison office of Xinjiang's Karamay city, would give only her surname, Wu.

India bus inferno kills 40; many burned alive

MEHABUBNAGAR, India (AP)—Police say 40 people have been killed—many of them burned alive—when a bus crashed into a barrier and caught fire in southern India. A police official in Mehabubnagar says the crash happened just before sunrise Wednesday. The official, Pradeep, who goes by only one name, says the driver and five other people escaped. The driver had been trying to pass another vehicle when the bus hit the roadside barrier.

Gunmen kill 7 people in restive southwest Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—A Pakistani official says gunmen have killed a pro-government tribal elder and six members of his family in southwest Pakistan. Abdul Jabbar says the incident took place on Tuesday in Loti village in Baluchistan province. The assailants shot to death the elder, Dhara Khan, along with two other men, two women and two children.

3 dead, scores hurt in Bangladesh violence

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Three people died and scores of others were injured as violence raged across Bangladesh on Tuesday, the last day of a three-day strike called by opposition activists to pressure the prime minister to resign. Police opened fire Tuesday on government and opposition supporters as they clashed in the southwestern district of Magura, killing an opposition backer, the Daily Star newspaper and TV stations reported. Later in the day, two supporters of the opposition Jamaat-e-Islami party died when police fired at them in Kutubdia in the southern coastal district of Cox's Bazar, local government administrator Ruhul Amin said.

In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of the late

†Maxima Dela Cruz Pangelinan

Lovingly known as *"Nang Mung"*

Would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our friends and relatives, from near and far, who have unselfishly came to be with us in so many ways expressing words of wisdom, comforted us and embraced us with love as we mourn the untimely passing of our dearly beloved †Maxima.

Your thoughts and prayers, love and support have helped ease the pain in the loss of our beloved Mother, cherished sister and loving wife.

To all of you who were by our side for the final moment with †Maxima and to all who were untiringly with us during the nightly rosaries and masses, thank you very much from our hearts and we will always remember you in our prayers.

May God continue to bless you.
Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

Hilarion Reyes Pangelinan, Children and Family

First Year Death Anniversary

In Loving Memory of

†Trinidad Agulto Deleon Guerrero

Lovingly known as "Nan-Da'n Ojisan"

In her First Year of her New Life, †Trinidad Agulto Deleon Guerrero's Mass of Intention will be offered at Saint Jude Church and Mount Carmel Cathedral, beginning November 02 through November 10, 2013.

The schedule of Masses will be as follow:

November 02, 2013	Saturday (St. Jude Church)	7:00 am
November 03, 2013	Sunday (St. Jude Church)	10:00 am
November 04, 2013	Monday (St. Jude Church)	6:00 pm
November 05, 2013	Tuesday (St. Jude Church)	6:00 pm
November 06, 2013	Wednesday (Mt. Carmel Cathedral)	6:00 am
November 07, 2013	Thursday (Mt. Carmel Cathedral)	6:00 am
November 08, 2013	Friday (Mt. Carmel Cathedral)	6:00 am
November 09, 2013	Saturday (Mt. Carmel Cathedral)	6:00 am

On the final day, November 10, 2013, mass will be celebrated at St. Jude Church at 6:00 a.m.

Your prayers and presence is humbly appreciated

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You

Children and Family

Life & Style

Chris Brown heading to rehab after assault charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Troubled singer Chris Brown is heading to rehab.

A representative for the R&B star announced Tuesday that Brown has decided to go to rehab a day after he was released from jail following his arrest for allegedly punching another man in Washington, D.C. Brown remains on probation after his 2009 attack on then-girlfriend Rihanna and could face jail time as a result of the arrest.

"Chris Brown has elected to enter a rehab facility," a statement said. "His goal is to gain focus and insight into his past and recent behavior, enabling him to continue the pursuit of his life and his career from a healthier vantage point."

Brown's attorney, Mark Geragos, said Tuesday night the singer checked in at an unspecified facility to be treated for anger issues.

"He just decided he wanted to take some time off and do some introspection," Geragos said.

Brown and his bodyguard were arrested early Sunday morning after an altercation at The W Hotel in Washington. Brown was initially charged with felony assault after a man said Brown or his bodyguard broke his nose with a punch when he tried to get a picture with the singer. The charge was reduced to a misdemeanor Monday and he was released from jail.

Though his troubles in Washington are no longer as serious as first thought, the arrest could still have ramifications for the 24-year-old Grammy Award winner.

Brown was placed on four years of probation after pleading guilty to assaulting Rihanna in California. He was required to take domestic violence courses and perform 1,400 hours of community service.

Brown's probation was briefly revoked this summer after a hit-and-run incident and a judge ordered him to perform an additional 1,000 hours of community service because there were questions about whether he actually completed his initial penalty.

Geragos has said the singer will be exonerated. He said Brown's decision to enter rehab is not an acknowledgement of wrongdoing in the Washington case.

The singer faces up to four years in prison should a judge decide to revoke his probation again.

McConaughey 'unabashed' in 'Dallas Buyers Club'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In 1986, Texan Ron Woodroof was diagnosed with HIV and given 30 days to live. When receiving the news, the rodeo-lover argued with the doctor, saying only homosexuals got such a disease-and he was as straight as they came.

Matthew McConaughey, as Woodroof in the based-on-a-true-story "Dallas Buyers Club," out this Friday, is magnificently cringe-worthy as this very scene plays out in the film.

"We had to go all the way unabashed with that," said McConaughey in a recent interview to promote the film. "I would go as far as I could with the stuff that Ron thought, which was the stuff that made people go 'You bigot, racist.'"

But the beauty of Woodroof's story, and McConaughey's ability to portray him, is in its arc: Following his diagnosis, Woodroof illegally imported drugs from other countries to counteract the effects of HIV and AIDS because of the lack of treatments in the U.S. approved by the Food and Drug Administration. He also became friends and business partners with a transgender named Rayon, played by Jared Leto.

To immerse himself in this role, McConaughey read Woodroof's diary and listened to hours of taped conversations between Woodroof and "Dallas Buyers Club" screenwriter Craig Borten.

"I saw a guy who was a dreamer and who was lonely, isolated, and who could never finish anything," said McConaughey. "He was aimless and the irony is it took him having HIV to help him find a goal."

To look the part of the gaunt Woodroof, McConaughey lost over 45 pounds. The first time the actor saw himself on-screen, he thought, "'Whoa, you look like a reptile, man.' I didn't feel like I was watching me."

But sacrificing his good looks for the role "was not a huge concern," said the 43-year-old. "There is something valuable to not being able to use certain things that may be a strength. You use other instruments."

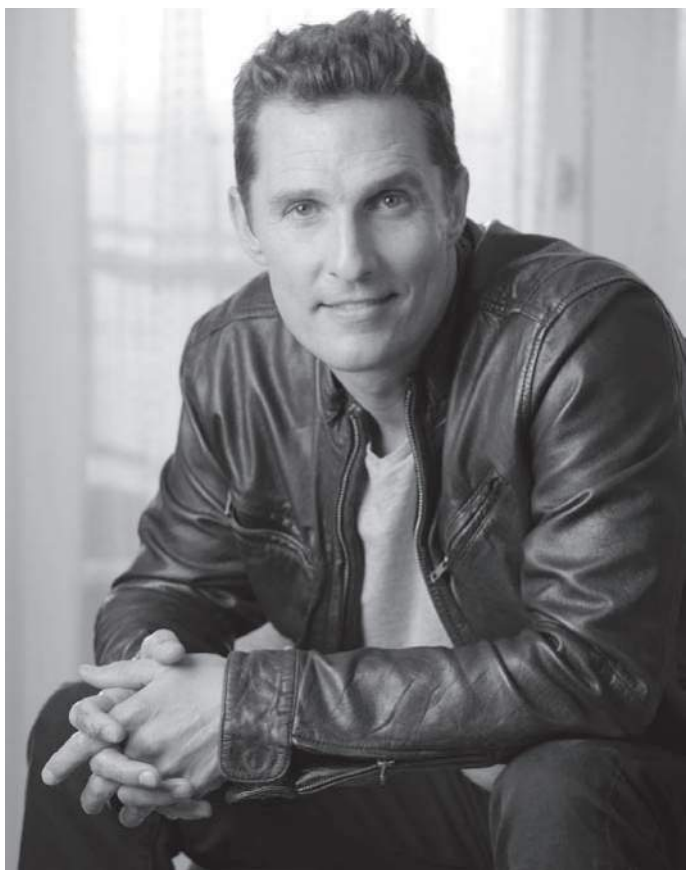
While losing the weight, the actor said his family's reaction was subtle. "They saw me every day. But there was one day when Vidy goes 'Why is your neck like a giraffe?'" he added with a chuckle, remembering his 3-year-old daughter's reaction to his shrinking physique.

Wife Camilla Alves "helped me stay controlled," added McConaughey of his minimalist diet, which included meals like a 5 oz. piece of fish and a cup of vegetables. "But I found some sort of sick pleasure in doing all the cooking. I also needed less sleep and my memory was incredibly sharp."

But McConaughey was soon back to his 182-pound frame to play a finance fast-talker in Martin Scorsese's upcoming "The Wolf of Wall Street" and a detective in the HBO series "True Detective," premiering in January.

Grittier roles, including 2011's "Killer Joe," and 2012's "The Paperboy" and "Mud," demonstrate McConaughey's versatility, and there's talk "Dallas Buyers Club" could score him an Oscar nomination.

"I'm very excited about that possibility," he said. "I feel that it is more than fair to judge art. If that happened that's wonderful."



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This Oct. 12, 2013 photo shows actor Matthew McConaughey at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Dutch museums find 139 likely Nazi-looted artworks

AMSTERDAM (AP)—A major investigation into whether art hanging in Dutch museums may have once been Nazi loot has yielded an unexpectedly large result: 139 suspect works, including ones by masters like Matisse, Klee and Kandinsky.

The bombshell announcement Tuesday by the museums raises the question of why it has taken them nearly 70 years to examine their collections in a systematic way after World War II—and suggests that even more looted art may emerge from other countries that haven't yet done so.

"These objects are either thought or known to have been looted, confiscated or sold under duress," said Siebe Weide, director of the Netherlands Museums Association. He said returning them is "both a moral obligation and one that we have taken upon ourselves."

The tainted art involved 69 paintings, including French artist Henri Matisse's 1921 "Odalisque" painting of a half-nude reclining woman, which hangs at Amsterdam's Stedelijk Museum, one of the country's top tourist draws.

All Dutch museums that hold art from before the war participated in the review. They have identified names of 20 definite looting victims and linked them with 61 of the works. The museums said they are in the process of contacting or seeking the heirs, including those of Jewish art dealer Albert Stern, the deceased owner of the Matisse.

The museum had purchased the Matisse painting from Lieuwe Bangma, Stern's Dutch representative, in 1941. But Stern was its owner before the war and the Bangma family is known to have given aid to his granddaughters during the war.

Other paintings included works by old Dutch masters such as Jacob Cuyp, Impressionist Isaac Israels and Modernists like Wassily Kandinsky. Other pieces uncovered in the investigation included drawings—one by Paul Klee—sculptures, antiquities and Jewish ceremonial objects.

One painting by Cuyp had been purchased in good faith by the Museum of Dordrecht in 2002. The 1627 painting "Shepherdess with Child in a Landscape" had changed hands multiple times over decades before the latest Dutch investigation revealed it had belonged to a Jewish woman and was sold by a bank known for collaborating with the Nazis during the war.

The Dutch are not the first to undertake such a review in the wake of a 1998 international conference on looted art in Washington that found previous attempts to return looted art didn't go far enough.

AP

This photo provided by Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, shows the 1921 painting Odalisque by Henri Matisse.

The Jonas Brothers announce breakup

NEW YORK (AP)—The Jonas Brothers are disbanding.

Nick, Joe and Kevin announced Tuesday they're ending their highly successful run. The news comes after the brothers abruptly canceled their tour over creative differences earlier this month.

The breakup was first reported by People magazine. Publicist Jesse Derris confirmed the news and said no other details were available.

The brothers told People the breakup was unanimous and came after Nick Jonas told his brothers in a meeting earlier this month that he felt "trapped."

The New Jersey brothers formed the band in 2005 and built a fan base through their association with the Disney Channel.

The band had been scheduled to release its fifth album later this year.

AP

This April 9, 2013 file photo shows, from left, Joe Jonas, Nick Jonas and Kevin Jonas, of American pop rock band The Jonas Brothers in New York.

Swift leads American Country Awards nominations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Taylor Swift is the top nominee for the American Country Awards.

A Tuesday news release says Swift received eight nominations, including top honor artist of the year. Blake Shelton and Florida Georgia Line are next with seven apiece.

The fourth annual fan-voted ACAs will be broadcast Dec. 10 from Las Vegas on Fox with NASCAR driver Danica Patrick and country singer Trace Adkins serving as co-hosts.

Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan join Swift, Shelton and Florida Georgia Line in the artist of the year category. Swift is the only performer to have been nominated for the award in every year the show's been held.

Fans can now vote in all categories on the show's website through Nov. 12 and for artist of the year through Dec. 7.

AP

In this May 11, 2013 file photo, Taylor Swift performs onstage during her Red Tour at the Verizon Center in Washington D.C.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Morrissey book to be published in US on Dec. 3

NEW YORK (AP)—The Morrissey memoir show will soon arrive in the U.S. Penguin Random House announced Tuesday that Morrissey's "Autobiography" has been acquired jointly by three of its imprints. G.P. Putnam's Sons will publish the hardcover on Dec. 3, while Penguin Classics will handle the paperback edition at a date to be determined. The book is a No. 1 best-seller in England. British reviewers have been divided over the book by the Smiths' former frontman. Rock critic Neil McCormack gave "Autobiography" a five-star review in the Daily Telegraph. He compares it favorably to Bob Dylan's "Chronicles." But the Independent's literary editor, Boyd Tonkin, writes that he tired of Morrissey's "droning narcissism" and "puerile litany of grievances."

Bob Barker to mark his 90th birthday on 'Price'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CBS says "The Price is Right" is planning a milestone birthday celebration for former host Bob Barker. Barker will celebrate his 90th birthday with an appearance on the game show in December, the network said Tuesday. He retired as host in 2007 after 35 years with "The Price is Right." The show also will pay tribute to Barker's longtime animal activism by featuring pet adoptions during the week of Dec. 9-13. Barker will be on "The Price is Right" on his birthday, Dec. 12, and will present a special showcase to mark the occasion, CBS said. "The Price is Right," with host Drew Carey, airs weekdays at 11 a.m. Eastern.

Kanye: Kardashian is fashion queen over first lady

NEW YORK (AP)—Kanye West says when it comes to fashion, Kim Kardashian reigns supreme over every woman, including Michelle Obama.

In an interview Tuesday with Ryan Seacrest, the rapper said he and his fiancé are "the most influential with clothing." He added: "Michelle Obama cannot Instagram a pic like what my girl Instagrammed the other day," referring to Kardashian's buzzed about selfie that revealed most of her backside.

West also said "no one is looking at what (Barack) is wearing."

West was defending Kardashian in the radio interview, saying the reality star deserves more attention from mainstream fashion magazines. He said Kardashian should grace the cover of Vogue.

Despite West's words, the first lady is a fashion trendsetter and clothes she's worn have sold out quickly after she's worn them in public.

Stevie Wonder plans 2 albums next year

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Stevie Wonder plans to release two albums next year, including some newly written songs, and he's working on a third.

The 63-year-old performer said in an interview Tuesday that his first albums in eight years would be "When the World Began," a collaboration with producer David Foster, and "Ten Billion Hearts."

Wonder, who filed for divorce last year, said the new music was inspired by "my children, family, change, growth, heartbreaks."

He's also using hip-hop elements to convey political messages.

"I listen a lot to rap, and I'm inspired to take it, to use it in another way, to get the message across," Wonder said.

Rolling Stone reported over the summer that the album with Foster would include reworked versions of several of his biggest hits played with a symphony orchestra.

Wonder also plans to fulfill a promise to his mother Lula, who died in 2006, by recording a gospel album in her memory.

"I might sing a gospel song in Arabic or do something in Hebrew. I want to mix it up and do it differently than one might imagine," he said. "Obviously the good word at the end of the day, it's not about the religion, it's about the relationship. And I think we all need to check our relationship."

First, though, Wonder plans a celebration of one of his most acclaimed albums, 1976's "Songs in the Key of Life."

Joined by musicians from the original recording as well as contemporary recording artists, Wonder will perform the album in its entirety for the first time Dec. 21 at his annual Los Angeles charity concert. Last year's House Full of Toys benefit concert included performances from Justin Bieber and Drake.

Happy home life stops couple from getting out and about

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Mark," and I have been together for a year. We met at work, and have dated ever since. Several months ago we were offered a job opportunity in another state. We moved in together and are happy.

My problem is, over the past few months we have been living together, our personal relationship has come to a halt. We still care about each other deeply, but no longer do the things couples do. We don't go out on dates or see the new city we've moved to.

Do you have any advice on how I can get Mark to go out and see the sights without sounding whiny or pushy?

BALTIMORE AND D.C. BECKON

DEAR BALTIMORE: Tell Mark the two of you appear to have become housebound and you don't think it's healthy—particularly because Baltimore and Washington, D.C., have many entertainment and cultural opportunities to offer. Then create a "bucket list" and have him choose from the menu of choices that are available. If that doesn't inspire him, ask HIM to create a list, or start exploring on your own.

If you are successful at getting Mark out of the house, it may liven up your relationship. But if it doesn't, you may have more serious problems to deal with, and a heart-to-heart talk with him about your entire relationship is in order.

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DEAR ABBY: My son's birthday was yesterday. I invited him to dinner at a very nice restaurant. When he showed up, he had two other men with him. They didn't offer to pay for their food, so I had to pay for all of us.

My son is 32, and I would like to say something about this to him. Or should I just not invite him to nice dinners out?

TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IN SUGARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF: No. SAY something to him. And when you do, it should be something like this: "Son, springing unexpected guests on your host is bad manners. You should have asked permission first. I was appalled that your friends didn't offer to share the expense. Please don't do that again because if you do, I'll stop inviting you."

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DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced many years ago. Dad started dating and moved in with a woman I'll call Crystal a few months later. They stayed together for several years. I lived with them part-time then, and eventually only occasionally. I don't have a good relationship with my father.

Since then, he and Crystal have broken up and Dad moved away. I never felt particularly close with her, but she calls and emails me incessantly, begging me to spend time together. She even refers to her daughter as my "sister." She never showed much interest in me when we lived together, and I'm confused how to respond.

BEWILDERED

DEAR BEWILDERED: Crystal may be attempting to maintain a presence in your father's life by continuing a relationship with you. The next time she emails, email her back and point out that your father has moved on with his life, and it is time for her to do the same because you are busy.

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A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Tonight is the night when wee witches and goblins collect their loot. Please supervise them so they'll be safe. Happy Halloween, everyone!

ABBY

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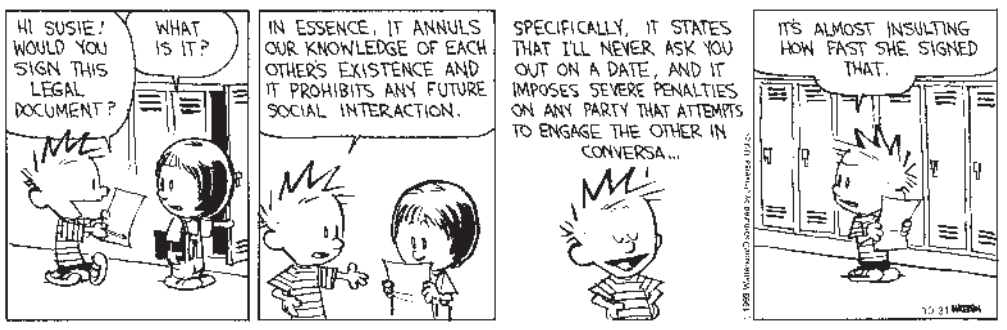
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HI SUSIE! WOULD YOU SIGN THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT?
WHAT IS IT?
IN ESSENCE, IT ANNULS OUR KNOWLEDGE OF EACH OTHER'S EXISTENCE AND IT PROHIBITS ANY FUTURE SOCIAL INTERACTION.
SPECIFICALLY, IT STATES THAT I'LL NEVER ASK YOU OUT ON A DATE, AND IT IMPOSES SEVERE PENALTIES ON ANY PARTY THAT ATTEMPTS TO ENGAGE THE OTHER IN CONVERSA...
IT'S ALMOST INSULTING HOW FAST SHE SIGNED THAT.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

OKAY. SHOULD WE STOP AT THE HARTLEYS'?
NO!! THEY GIVE OUT APPLES AND DENTAL FLOSS!
WHAT KIND OF SICK PEOPLE WOULD DO SUCH A THING?
IT DOES MAKE ME QUESTION THEIR CHARACTER.
I'LL SAY.
WHAT'S NEXT? ROOT CANAL COUPONS?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

OKAY, WHAT IF I GIVE YOU CANDY CORN?
WE SOAP YOUR WINDOWS AND T.P. YOUR TREES.
AND HOW 'BOUT IF I KICK IN A COUPLE TOOTSIE ROLLS?
WE DON'T SOAP YOUR WINDOWS, BUT WE STILL T.P. YOUR TREES.
DEAL.
PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU.
LET'S ROLL.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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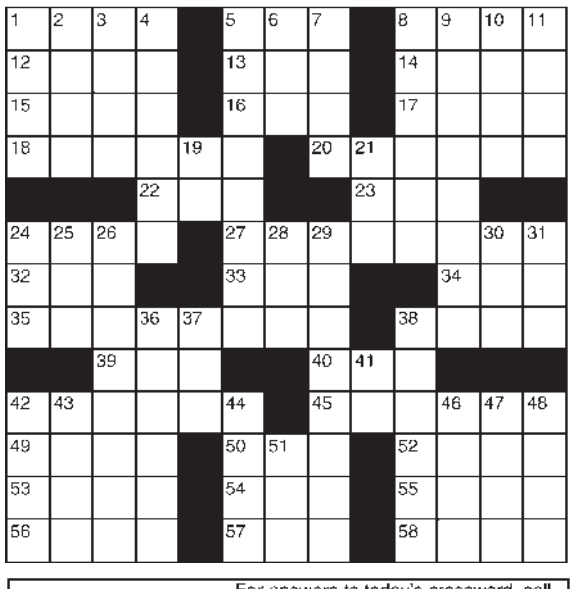

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Heat get rings, then hold off Bulls,107-95

MIAMI (AP)—They got their rings before the game, then a challenge as it was winding down.

The Miami Heat responded to both.

Shane Battier went 4 for 4 from 3-point range, including a critical one from the right corner with 1:33 remaining, and the Heat wasted most of what was a 25-point lead before holding off Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls 107-95 on Tuesday night in the season-opener for both teams.

"You never know what to expect when you're trying to keep the main thing the main thing, and that's the game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "But you can't deny the emotions and what a special moment it was for everybody in the organization because we know how difficult that was and how harrowing that was last season. So it was great to actually get the win after that to cap off a very good night for the Miami Heat."

LeBron James had 17 points, eight assists and six rebounds for Miami, which got its 2013 NBA championship rings and raised the franchise's third banner in a pregame ceremony. The Heat trailed 9-2 early, then outscored Chicago 52-24 over the remainder of the first half.

Rose finished with 12 points in 34 minutes in his first game since a serious knee injury in April 2012. Carlos Boozer had 31 points and seven rebounds for Chicago, which got within eight points in the final minutes.

But Battier's right-corner 3 - a staple for the Heat - snuffed out the comeback, and Miami wasn't in trouble again.

"We're not trying to pull close. There were a lot of corrections that we have to make," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. "It always comes back to the same thing - our defense and our rebounding. And if we could have taken better care of the ball early on, we would have been in position to win down the stretch."

Chris Bosh scored 16 points, Battier finished with 14 and Dwyane Wade and Mario Chalmers each had 13 for Miami, which had seven players score in double figures. Ray Allen and Norris Cole each scored 11 for Miami.

AP

After blocking a shot by Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose (1), Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade (3) falls to the court during the second half of a NBA basketball game in Miami, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013. The Heat won, 107-95.

Rose shot 4 for 15 for the Bulls.

"I think we had a lot to do with it," Allen said.

Said Rose: "If anything, I'm disappointed in the loss. My performance, I can easily change that by making shots and keep down the turnovers."

By halftime, Miami was rolling, up 54-33 - putting the game on pace for a 108-66 final, which would have exactly matched the score of the game in 2006 when Chicago came into Miami and spoiled the Heat franchise's first ring night.

Not this time, though the Bulls made it plenty interesting down the stretch.

A layup by Butler with 5:34 left got the Bulls within 15, and after he missed the ensuing free throw, the rebound made its way to Kirk Hinrich - who made a 3-pointer that cut Miami's lead to 91-79.

Hinrich fouled out on the ensuing Miami possession. Wade scored seconds later, the Heat followed that with a stop, and James simply overpowered Luol Deng in the post on the next trip to restore the 16-point lead.

But again, the Bulls weren't done, cutting the lead to 95-87 on a drive by Boozer with 2:47 left. They would get no closer, and James raved about Miami's balance.

"It's a team game," James said. "That's what this team is put together for."

Rose's start was promising early, with two drives for impressive scores. The Bulls led 15-10 when Rose checked out for the first time with 3:36 left in the opening quarter.

When he returned, the lead was gone for good. The Heat outscored the Bulls 13-3 in Rose's first stint on the bench, turning a five-point lead into a five-point deficit, and by then the Heat were off and running.

Over a 4-minute stretch of the second quarter, everything changed.

Rose's surgically repaired knee might be fine, but in the basketball vernacular, Cole broke the ankles of the 2011 NBA MVP - starting a run that turned what was a tight game into a romp. Cole faked out Rose on the dribble, causing the Bulls' star to tumble over, and the Heat reserve connected on an 18-foot jumper that sent the Miami bench leaping from its seats.

"There was a lot of emotions going on," Cole said.

That began the 17-0 run. The Bulls missed nine straight shots, Rose getting blocked by Bosh on one, and the Heat went to work. Miami shot 7 for 10 during the burst, which was capped by a driving layup by James with 4:23 left, and suddenly the Heat led 41-20.

It was a runaway, and became a grind-it-out win.

Lakers 116, Clippers 103

In Los Angeles, Xavier Henry scored a career-high 22 points, Jordan Farmar added 16, and five Los Angeles Lakers reserves surged past the Los Angeles Clippers in the fourth quarter for a surprising 116-103 victory in both clubs' season opener Tuesday night.

With Kobe Bryant watching in street clothes behind Pau Gasol and Steve Nash on the Lakers' bench, Jodie Meeks scored nine of his 13 points in the fourth quarter as the Lakers stunned their Staples Center rivals in Clippers coach Doc Rivers' debut.

The Lakers did it down the stretch with a lineup comprised entirely of backups - including three who weren't on the team last season. Henry, the former first-round pick who burned out in Memphis and New Orleans, scored 12 points in the fourth quarter while leading a decisive 28-8 run.

Blake Griffin scored 19 points and Chris Paul had 15 points and 11 assists for the Clippers, who beat the Lakers four times last season on the way to their first Pacific Division title. DeAndre Jordan added 17 points and 11 rebounds.

But the veteran Clippers had few answers for the Lakers' young, hungry reserves in the opener. The Lakers played a free-flowing style down the stretch, and the Clippers couldn't respond while running Rivers' offense slowly and sluggishly.

After the offseason losses of Dwight Howard and Metta World Peace, not much is expected from the Lakers. Yet they thrived for a night without Bryant, who missed a season opener for the first time since 2006. The fourth-leading scorer in NBA history hasn't returned to practice this fall after tearing his Achilles tendon late last season.

Coach Mike D'Antoni suggested the Lakers will use 11 players many nights to counteract Bryant's absence and Nash's fragile health - and the early results of that plan were awfully encouraging.

The reserves were led by Farmar, the two-time NBA champion guard who returned to the Lakers from Turkey this summer, and Henry, who impressed the Lakers throughout training camp.

Jordan Hill added 12 points and eight rebounds in a reserve role as the Lakers improved to 42-24 on opening night, the best winning percentage in NBA history.

Pacers 97, Magic 87

In Indianapolis, Paul George scored 24 points, and Roy Hibbert added 16 rebounds and seven blocks, leading the Indiana Pacers to a 97-87 victory over the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night.

The two-man tandem looked every bit as dominant in the season opener as they did leading the Pacers (1-0) to the Eastern Conference finals last season.

George's buzzer-beating 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter gave Indiana a 69-64 lead and sparked the decisive 17-4 run to open the fourth.

Hibbert nearly matched his career-high for rebounds (17) in the first half. He had eight points but left the game midway through the fourth quarter after injuring his knee in a spill underneath his own basket. Team officials said it was not serious and he could have returned.

But it was George's 3 that provided the spark Indiana needed to seize control.

Victor Oladipo, the ex-Hoosiers star and No. 2 overall draft pick, had 12 points and three turnovers for the Magic (0-1).

Fans gave Oladipo a warm reception in his return to his adopted home state. More than 90 minutes before tipoff, one section near the court was almost full of fans decked out in Indiana University colors or fans wearing new Magic jerseys.

And though Oladipo didn't start Tuesday night, the crowd gave him a rousing standing ovation when he first entered the game midway through the first quarter.

For the Pacers, it was a ragged start to a big season.

Steelers, Tomlin not dwelling on rough start

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Mike Tomlin is only too aware of the Pittsburgh Steelers' numbing 2-5 start.

To wallow in it wouldn't do anybody any good.

''Our record is our record,'' Tomlin said. ''There's nothing that we can do about what has been played.''

Maybe, but the Steelers have to do something - anything really - if they want to try and turn things around.

The usual things have not worked. Tomlin tinkered with the lineup after a winless September. He barred shuffleboard, pool and ping pong in the locker room, too.

Victories over Baltimore and the New York Jets followed. They proved to be a temporary salve.

The bottom fell out in a 21-18 loss to Oakland on Sunday with no area of the team above reproach, including a punter who now finds himself out of a job.

The Steelers cut Zoltan Mesko on Tuesday after weeks of inconsistency that manifested itself in a partially blocked punt in the first quarter that helped stake the Raiders to an early 18-point lead.

Mesko bobbled the snap from Greg Warren and wasn't helped by a missed block that allowed Oakland's Rick Jennings slip through and get his hands on it. Tomlin refused to place blame in one spot, figuring there was enough to go around.

''Obviously it takes two to tango in that circumstance and the bobble created an out time that wasn't ideal and obviously the pressure was the pressure,'' Tomlin said. ''It's tough to analyze which was more significant. Obviously, together, it was catastrophic.''

Pittsburgh signed Mat McBriar to replace Mesko before Sunday's game at New England (6-2), though it's hardly the kind of move likely to shake the roster out of its funk.

The Steelers' problems extend far beyond the kicking game, including an inability to get things early.

They have been outscored 54-19 in the first quarter this season and 84-54 in the first half.

Tomlin, curiously, doesn't see the lopsided numbers as any major cause for concern. Though he allowed ''it's important to start the game off with rhythm'' he doesn't want to get too caught up in the notion things are over one way or the other after the first 15 minutes.

Red Sox hope to win title at Fenway

BOSTON (AP)—Generations of New Englanders are preparing. Practically no one alive can remember seeing such an event unfold: The Boston Red Sox could win a World Series title on the celebrated green grass at Fenway Park.

Ted Williams never did it. Not Carl Yastrzemski. Not Carlton Fisk. Not even Pedro Martinez and Curt Schilling, who ended The Curse nearly a decade ago but did it on the road.

When the Red Sox last won a World Series at home, Babe Ruth, Carl Mays and Harry Hooper were the stars in September 1918, a season cut short by World War I. Ahead of the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2, the Red Sox have two chances to reward their faithful.

"It would be awesome," said John Lackey, who starts Game 6 on Wednesday night against Cardinals rookie Michael Wacha.

Fenway was just a kid the last time the Red Sox won a title at home, a modern 6-year-old ballpark. A crowd of 15,238 watched the Red Sox defeat the Chicago Cubs 2-1 to win the Series in six games.

"It was a ball game that nobody who was present will forget. It left too many lasting impressions," Edward F. Martin wrote the following day in the Boston Globe.

That was so long ago that Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States, television hadn't been invented and the designated hitter didn't exist. There were 16 major league teams - none west of St. Louis - all games were played in the daytime and the NFL was 23 months from formation.

Now, Fenway Park is a centurion, the oldest home in the majors and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The last time a World Series Game 6 was played between Lansdowne and Van Ness Streets was in 1975, the night Fisk sent

AP

Boston Red Sox's Koji Uehara (19) celebrates with David Ross after the Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 5 of baseball's World Series Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, in St. Louis. The Red Sox won, 3-1, to take a 3-2 lead in the series.

Pat Darcy's second pitch of the 12th inning high down the left-field line and waved his arms three times, urging the ball fair, before it clanked off the yellow foul pole atop the Green Monster.

"I was just wishing and hoping," Fisk recalled in 2005. "Maybe by doing it, you know, you ask something of somebody with a higher power. I like to think that if I didn't wave, it would have gone foul."

Boston needed that 7-6 win to force a seventh game against Cincinnati, and the Red Sox went on to lose the following night.

Now, they are one win from setting off a Boston Glee Party.

"With no disrespect to history or to Carlton, you know, it's an iconic video and a highlight that is shown repeatedly, and one of the more memorable swings that probably has taken place in this ballpark," Red Sox manager John Farrell said Tuesday, "but hopefully there's somebody tomorrow night that can wave their arms just the same."

Boston swept the Series in 2004 and `07, starting at home and winning titles at St. Louis and Colorado. Given the length of time since the last championship clincher at Fenway, there is a seemingly insatiable demand for the just over 38,000 tickets.

As of Tuesday evening, the cheapest of 1,600 or so ducats for sale on Stubhub.com was for standing room on the right-field roof deck for $983.75. A dugout box seat was available for $10,894.20.

"I don't know what happened in 1918, but tomorrow we're going to try and make it happen, make people proud and happy in the city of Boston and New England," David Ortiz said. "I guarantee it's going to be wild."

Ortiz's performance in the World Series has been better than Ruthian. He's batting .733 (11 for 15) with two homers, six RBIs, four walks and a sacrifice fly, and has one-third of Boston's hits.

"That's why we call him `Cooperstown,'" Game 5 star David Ross said, "because he does Hall of Fame stuff."

While the Red Sox went through a light workout at Fenway Park on a cool autumn afternoon, the Cardinals tried to maintain their cool as they got stuck in St. Louis, joined by their families on a charter flight delayed several hours by mechanical difficulties.

"Fortunately we have plenty of food, snacks for the kids, lots of entertainment with onboard movies, and everybody travels with all their high-tech stuff," manager Mike Matheny said. "Most of these kids are pretty happy that they're not in school right now, and it's a great way to spend a day."

The plane took off about 9:10 p.m. EDT after a delay that appeared to last around 6 hours and landed shortly after 11 p.m.

Farrell made a bit of news, saying Ross will get his fourth Series start behind the plate in place of slumping Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

"David has given us a spark offensively out of the position," the manager said.

Shane Victorino is expected to return to right field after missing two games due to a bad back, and Game 4 star Jonny Gomes will start in left over Daniel Nava. With the shift back to the American League ballpark, Mike Napoli returns to first base and Ortiz to designated hitter.

Playing with a foot injury, Allen Craig will be the DH for St. Louis. Trying for their second title in three seasons, the Cardinals have high confidence in Wacha, a 22-year-old rookie who has won all four of his postseason starts, allowing three earned runs in 27 innings.

"I imagine it's going to be crazy, but I'm not going to pay any attention to it," Wacha said.

Boston doesn't want the Series to reach a seventh game on Halloween night, which likely would be started by Jake Peavy, who has a 7.11 ERA in this postseason. St. Louis would start Joe Kelly, who pitched well in Game 3 but didn't get a decision.

Ortiz, the last remaining veteran from the 2004 title, wants to make sure fans can start the hullabaloo.

Grounded Cardinals hope to fly high with Wacha

BOSTON (AP)—Michael Wacha had a funny way of preparing for his World Series start that's supposed to save the season for the St. Louis Cardinals.

The 22-year-old October ace spent Tuesday afternoon on the tarmac at the St. Louis airport when the team plane got grounded by mechanical problems.

It took all day before the Cardinals finally arrived in Boston, trailing the Red Sox 3-2 going into Game 6 on Wednesday night. Their flight took off about 9:10 p.m. EDT after a delay that appeared to last around 6 hours and landed shortly after 11 p.m.

"Everyone is just watching movies," Wacha said from the plane, a couple of hours into the delay. "They've got dinner on here for us and stuff. Everyone is just walking around. Nobody is in a bad mood or anything like that. The attitude is pretty good."

His teammates were probably confident, too, considering what the rookie has done this postseason. He's 4-0 with a 1.00 ERA in four starts, including a win over John Lackey and the Red Sox in Game 2. Lackey will again oppose the tall righthander.

"I don't think anything will be much different," Wacha said. "I just try to approach every game the same. I don't think it's going to be too much different. We know the next two games are must-wins. It all starts with me tomorrow night."

Heady stuff for a guy who was pitching at Texas A&M less than a year and a half ago, a guy who began this season in Triple-A.

Then again, look at what he's done.

He came within an out of a no-hitter against Washington in his final start of the regular season, only to give up an infield single. With the Cardinals facing a 2-1 deficit in the best-of-five division series, he took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning to win at Pittsburgh.

He twice outpitched Cy Young Award favorite Clayton Kershaw to win MVP honors in the NL championship series, then beat Boston with his family in the seats at Fenway Park.

Quite a run, by any standards.

"I think it's been one of those that's been fun for us to watch," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said from the idle plane. "Taking everything into consideration, how this kid was in school, in college 18 months or so ago, and watch the maturity, and watch the progress, too."

"Not just Michael, but a group of other young players that have been able to do something very similar. But Michael's done a nice job. We just want him to really not focus on the big picture of what exactly is going on. What we want him to do is go out, make one pitch at a time. There's time for summations later."

Gold Gloves: Molina wins sixth straight at catcher

ST. LOUIS (AP)—St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina won his sixth straight Gold Glove award Tuesday, making him one of four players in the World Series rewarded for superior defense this season.

Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia and right fielder Shane Victorino also were honored, along with Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright. Boston has a 3-2 edge over St. Louis going into Game 6 on Wednesday night.

Colorado third baseman Nolan Arenado became the first rookie to win a Gold Glove since Seattle outfielder Ichiro Suzuki in 2001. Atlanta shortstop Andrelton Simmons and Baltimore third baseman Manny Machado also were among the eight first-time recipients.

"It's pretty awesome," Simmons said in a brief interview on ESPN during the awards show.

The Orioles and Royals had three winners apiece, tied for the most of any team. Baltimore finished with the fewest errors in the majors (54) and set a big league record with a .991 fielding percentage.

Kansas City left fielder Alex Gordon took his third Gold Glove in a row, while first baseman Eric Hosmer and catcher Salvador Perez each received their first.

"I've got a trophy case back in Lincoln, (Neb.), so this one won't be the chip-and-dip tray. This one will actually go up in the trophy case," Gordon said. "It means a lot. The first one was pretty special, just because it's the first one, but to be able to share it with two teammates makes this one the best one of all."

Baltimore shortstop J.J. Hardy and center fielder Adam Jones were repeat winners, as was Rockies left fielder Carlos Gonzalez.

His 22-year-old teammate, Arenado, became the 10th rookie to win.

"I'm still kind of in shock. I still can't believe it," he said on ESPN.

PIC Road Race scheduled for Nov. 10

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Pacific Islands Club's grand opening, the PIC Road Race will be held on Nov. 10.

The race, which will feature a half marathon and 10K, is limited to the first 250 entries with 30 different divisions to choose from.

The half marathon will start at the PIC south parking lot at 5:45am and runners will head south on Beach Road, then make a turnaround in Garapan. There will be 10 aid stations on the way to the Garapan DPS Fire Station, the turn around for the half marathon.

Runners can enter in the following age groups: men's and women's 15-20 , 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, and over 70. Cash prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 overall finishers in both the men's and women's divisions.

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A runner cruises along Beach Road during this year's Saipan Marathon. Runners will hit Beach Road anew next month with the staging of the PIC Road Race.

The 10K run will start at 6am and runners will also head north along Beach Road. Just before the Microl intersection, runners will U-turn and head back to PIC. Participants can join the U14 age group, 15-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, and over 70. Medals will be awarded to the winners at the post-event banquet to be held at the newly built PIC Pavilion. The Top 3 finishers in each age group will receive donated prizes, while the Top 3 overall finishers in the men's and women's division will get $500, $250, and $150, respectively.

As an incentive for each paid half marathon entry, participants get an invite to the prerace carbo dinner on Nov. 9. After the race, all participants will be entitled to spend the day at PIC's Waterpark for only $10. Additionally, each paid entry (half marathon or 10K) will be entered in raffle draws. More than $7,000 in prizes will be raffled off, including PIC Hinemlu Fitness Center memberships, annual PIC Waterpark memberships, and two PIC Explorer memberships. The raffle prizes also include free PIC room stays, meals and more.

Registration forms are available at any Shell station on Saipan, both IT&E outlets, the PIC Front Desk or online at Facebook/Pacific Islands Club Saipan Road Race. Entry fees include a finisher's t-shirt, limited edition eco-bag, raffle ticket, awards lunch, and prerace carbo dinner for all half marathon racers. 10K participants may attend the prerace carbo dinner for only $15 with each paid entry. Deadline for submission of entries is on Nov.7. For more information, contact Glenn Policare at 237-5148 or Vicky Benavente at 237-5101. ***(PR)***

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to Kanoa next week, the former would still have the edge in a tiebreak over I Love Ladder Beach due to the winner over the other rule. I Love Ladder Beach will then contest the three remaining semis spot against five other squads.

With the semis ticket at stake, Proa and I Love Ladder Beach exchanged blows in the first three quarters, but the latter failed to throw the killer punches down the homestretch after making only one field goal in the last three minutes and change of the important match.

Down at 83-92, I Love Ladder Beach launched a short 8-1 run to move within a basket, 91-93, with 3:29 left in the fourth canto. However, I Love Ladder Beach went on a slump, while Proa converted rally-halting baskets. In the I Love Ladder Beach's drought, Rolly Paraiso missed key throws , Ken McCain faltered on two point-blank shots, and Elgene Mangali, Dennis Vinas, and Marlon Sison combined for 0-for-8 shooting from downtown. Sison finally hit a triple in the last four seconds of the match to end the spell and peg the final score.

Before the meltdown, I Love Ladder Beach managed to recover from a 13-point halftime deficit, 40-53. It even led by 6 at start of the fourth quarter, 78-72, as it exploded for 38 points in the third after converting four triples and getting 21 markers from Rolly Paraiso and Wowie Abuel.

However, Proa wiped out the lead quickly with an 8-0 start with less than two minutes gone by in the fourth. Proa, which opened the fourth with a triple from Josh Sablan, grabbed momentum of the game when I Love Ladder Beach's Alex Standish fouled Lerio Pagarao on the act of 3-point shooting and was also whistled for a technical foul. Standish fouled out, while Pagarao went 3-for-3 from the stripe and scored two more points in the ensuing possession to put Proa on top, 80-78.

Proa hung tough in the end, while I Love Ladder Beach failed on its comeback bid after muffing a lot of triples and missing the contribution of Paraiso and Abuel in the fourth canto. Paraiso had only 2 points in the payoff period, while Abuel was scoreless. I Love Ladder Beach, which counts on its 3-point shooting a lot, hit only 8, a far cry from the 18 it drilled in its 112-96 victory over Mobil last week. Proa outgunned I Love Ladder Beach from beyond the arc, drilling 14.

Mobil 111, Kanoa 96

In the second game, Freddie Pelisamen sizzled for 38 points to improve Mobil's record to 2-3.

Pelisamen nailed 17 of his total points in the fourth quarter to lead Mobil's breakaway. Mobil was ahead by only 5 at the end of the end, 76-71, when Pelisamen scored in streaks to hand Kanoa its third straight loss.

After Jun Estolas opened Mobil's offense in the fourth with a triple, Pelisamen dropped 5 consecutive points and then had another string of points (6) midway in that period before getting 6 more straight markers in the closing minutes. Pelisamen's second-half explosion made up for his absence in the majority of the first half. The former CNMI National Team player also had 17 points in the third quarter to keep his team's distance against the young guns of Kanoa.

First Game

Mobil/JP World 111 – Pelisamen 38, De Guzman 14, Estolas 13, Demapan 11, Gamboa 11, Gapor 7, Peredo 6, Kaipat 4, Galzote 2.

Kanoa Resort 96 – Basa 25, Duenas 23, Brennan 16, Manglona 12, L. Sablan 5, Coldeen 5, Cruz 4, Dikito 3, S. Sablan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-16, 46-45, 76-71.

Second Game

AXE Proa 98 – Pagarao 33, Sablan 19, Barcinas 12, Libuw 11, Lizama 9, Inos 8, Villacrusis 3, Rosario 1.

I Love Ladder Beach 94 – Abuel 15, Paraiso 15, Standish 14, Vinas 14, Mangali 11, Sison 6, McCain, De Leon 4, Montano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-27, 53-40, 72-78, 98-94.

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(Universities Athletic Association of the Philippines) champion Ateneo yesterday, 0-1. Before the defeat, MP United dominated Sta. Rosa FC last Monday, 4-1, and then shut out Manila Jeepney FC last Tuesday, 2-0.

After helping MP United win its first two games, MP United strikers Tanapon Unsa and Jehn Joyner became marked men in their game against Ateneo. Three defenders hounded Unsa, who scored two goals in the Typhoons opening game, while Joyner was often doubled team.

On defense, MP United held Ateneo scoreless in the first half before the latter finally hit the board going into the five minute mark of the second half. The Typhoons tried to bounce back and had several attempts, but could not make the conversion.

With the loss, MP United is forced to have an early collision against another top contender, the Loyola Meralco Sparks, who are bannered by collegiate players from Far Eastern University. Loyola ruled Group A with its 3-0 record and faces the Typhoons in the first semis game today at 10am (12pm Sapan time). In the other semis match at 11am, Ateneo battles La Salle Greenhills.

MPU female players suit up for unbeaten Chelsea

Meanwhile, six MP United players are also competing in the Pilipinas Cup. Michelle and Rachelle Masga, Amy Taylor, Jayda Mendoza, Karleen Reyes, and Seoung Hyun Lee are playing for Chelsea FC, which is unbeaten in four games in the four-team field in the open division.

Rachelle was the starting goalie for Chelsea and made a lot of saves in their 2-0 win over Elite FC. In their second game against St. Paul Balayaan, Reyes and Michelle Masga drilled two goals apiece and lifted Chelsea to a 9-0 victory. Chelsea's two other wins were against MSU Global FC, 2-1, and versus Elite FC anew, 2-1.

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(24.88), Lynette Aldave (27.09), Jaden Castro (27.31), Kaisei Nagata (28.43), Raina Avelino (29.00), Tellei Rechucher (29.38), Seiul Hong (29.50) , and Emily Ku (32.15).

In other results, Kensuke Kimura, JC Pascual, Alexsenko, and Takumi Sugie registered the best times in the five other races.

After failing to get the fastest time in the 20m kickboard, the 7-year-old Alexsenko showed who's the boss in the 20m freestyle, as he completed the sprint in less than 20 seconds (19.59). He was the lone swimmer to break that barrier, as Dan Illahi, the second fastest finisher, only logged 21.79 seconds.

Tsukagoshi completed the Top 3 after logging 21.88 seconds. Tomie came in at fourth with his 22.99 seconds, followed by Buenaventura (23.59), Jercy Maximo (23.61), Babauta (25.44), Jeremiah Maximo (26.27), Obligacion (26.75), Retardo (26.92), Avelino (27.47), Kim (29.76), Hong (30.32), Nagata (32.79), Castro (33.51), Batallones (33.60), Ku (38.42), Dangol (40.50), Rechucher (40.77), and Aldave (47.04).

In the 20m backstroke, JC Pascual led the field with his 19.53 seconds. He finished about two seconds faster than sibling Sheila Pascual (21.31 seconds). Netsuki Nagata rounded out the Top 3 best finisher after submitting 21.47.

Also completing the race were Shaunalyn Babauta (23.05 seconds), Rentaro Suzuki (23.60), Kaito Rechucher (23.92), David Tsukagoshi (24.09), Alexsenko (26.16), Kana Suzuki (26.31), Retardo (26.46), Tomie (27.13), Jercy Maximo (28.32), Obligacion (29.07), Buenaventura (29.48), Illahi (32.56), Kaisei Nagata (36.47), Manuel Babauta (34.10), Ku (37.54), Maria Batallones (38.07), Hong (38.65), Kim (40.10), Dangol (42.86), Castro (46.46), Tellei Rechucher (47.48), and Aldave (47.92).

In the 40m freestyle, Sugie clocked in 21.56 seconds to top 16 other swimmers. Angel De Jesus and Hiroto Yanai earned the second and third best times after recording 24.14 seconds, and 24.69 seconds, respectively. Miku Tammy placed fourth with her 25.24 seconds, followed by Mark Maestro (25.74), Karen Irinaka (30.01), Kenshiro Yanai (30.22), JC Pascual (31.10), Nelson Batallones (33.23), Anthony Deleon Guerrero (34.41), Hans Xu (36.70), Ashley Dangol (38.46), Natsuki Nagata (39.07), Sheila Pascual (41.95), Rentaro Suzuki (43.77), Kana Suzuki (47.55), and Shaunalyn Babauta (49.90).

In another 40m race—breaststroke—Kimura tapped the wall first at the 25.53-second mark. He finished ahead of Kaitao Yanai (26.69) and Tan (31.94 seconds). Fourteen other senior and junior Tsunami Saipan members joined the 40m breaststroke race: Ryuto Yanai (33.17 seconds); Daime Rivera (34.25); Kyona Rivera (36.81); Sophia Gauran (39.72); Kathrine Illahi (40.39); Towa Irinaka (41.21); Jun Tenorio (41.77); Jhona Yoshino (41.90); Nanaka Watanabe (42.16);Aika Watanabe; (43.09), Tycicus Xu (43.13); Megumi Yoshino (43.25), Silas Xu (51.87), and Arman Rechucher (53.17).

In the longest race of the day—the 80m individual medley—Kimura also got the fastest time with his 49.49 seconds. He was the lone swimmer to finish the race under 50 seconds, as Kaito Yanai registered 54.25 seconds. Sugie rounded out the Top 3 after posting 55.17.

Other finishers in the 80m IM were Hiroto Yanai (59.81), Tammy (1:00.42), De Jesus (1:01.04), Tan (1:01.06), Ryuto Yanai (1:02.57), Maestro (1:07.24), Kyona Rivera (1:11.66), Daime Rivera (1:13.49), Gauran (1:13.65), Tenorio (1:14.53), Kenshiro Yanai (1:15.24), Karen Irinaka (1:15.25), Kathrine Illahi (1:16.62), Towa Irinaka (1:19.67), Aika Watanabe (1:22.05), Yoshino (1:22.75), Tychicus Xu (1:26.05), Nelson Batallones (1:29.36), Hans Xu (1:30.58), Deleon Guerrero (1:31.63), Nanaka Watanabe (1:33.48), Silas Xu (1:37.64), and Ashley Dangol (1:44.29).

MISO Boys Volleyball League 2nd Round

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A Mt. Carmel School player chases down the ball during their game against Grace Christian Academy in the 2013-2014 MISO Boys Volleyball League last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

A Grace Christian Academy player goes for a return under the net.

Saipan Southern High School's Jake Lee, left, battles Marianas Baptist Academy's Primo Po on the net.

A Saipan Southern High School player tosses the ball.

A Kagman High School player receives a serve.

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AXE Proa seals outright semis seat

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AXE Proa is now the only unbeaten team in UFO-Budweiser Open Division Basketball League, following its 98-94 victory over erstwhile leader I Love Ladder Beach last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Proa extended its winning run to five and will go for a sweep on Nov. 5 when it duels Kanoa Resort (1-3) in the last day of the regular season. I Love Ladder Beach is done in the round-robin preliminary with its 5-1 slate, losing the outright semifinals berth, which Proa secured after prevailing in the battle of undefeated teams. The automatic semis ticket is given to the top finisher in the league and even if Proa loses

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AXE Proa's Dan Barcinas drives against two I Love Ladder Beach defenders during their game in the UFO Open caging last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Tsunami Saipan swimmers gather for a group photo after competing in a short course meet last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

55 compete in Tsunami Saipan short course meet

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Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center's short court meet last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool drew 55 participants.

Tsunami Saipan members joined six events and swam in a make-shift 20-meter course. The meet started with the 20m swim with kickboard and 8-year-old David Tsukagoshi posted the fastest time at 21.08 seconds. He prevailed against fellow U8 swimmers Kenta Tomie (21.46 seconds) and Isaiah Alexsenko (22.41 seconds). Other finishers in the first race of the day were Ayumi Obligacion (22.53 seconds), Zean Buenaventura (23.15), Dan Illahi (23.32), Maria Batallones, 23.64 seconds), Vinicia Kim (23.79), Jercy Maximo (23.82), Manuel Babauta (23.86), Gabriel Retardo (24.02), Assish Dangol (24.80), Jeremiah Maximo

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MP United makes Final Four

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MP United FC advanced to the Final Four of the 2013 Pilipinas Cup International Invitational Youth Tournament after finishing in the Top 2 in the boys U18 division of the Philippine Football Federation-sanctioned competition being played at the Nuvali-Evolving Field in Laguna, Philippines.

The Typhoons completed its round-robin assignment in Group B with a 2-1 record. MP United missed a sweep in the elimination round after losing to the heavily favored and UAAP

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MP United FC players pose for a photo during a visit in Laguna, Philippines last weekend before seeing action in the Pilipinas Cup last Monday.